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Bearcats face off against Pitt State for the Arrowhead Classic. Please see C1.

Newsbriefs



BY CHRISTOPHER GANNON/AP PHOTO
Jim Johnson, left, D-S.D.,
Sen. Tom Daschle, D-S.D.,
following Daschle's
speech Wednesday, Nov.
3, in Sioux Falls, S.D.

Daschle sweeps South

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Republicans toppled Senate
Minority Leader Tom
Daschle, winning their
first Senate prize after
winning the South, includ-
ing Florida seat Wednesday.
Daschle also held an Alaska seat.
Republicans will have 55
Senate seats, expanding their
margin to 51-48, with
Democratic-leaning
Senate.

Daschle backers' funding

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Congress gave
emergency approval
Wednesday to compensation
for Jews living in
four West Bank
settlements, clearing a major
hurdle in Prime Minister
Ariel Sharon's plan to
evacuate 25 settlements next
year. A 64-44 vote with 9
absentees, the Knesset
approved the first of three votes
on compensation packages
worth hundreds of thou-
sands of dollars to each
of the 8,800 settlers
and parts of the
settlement.

California backers

Gov. Arnold
Schwarzenegger, breaking
with many Republicans to
show political muscle,
voted his California
legislature to spend \$3
billion on stem-cell research.
After hot-button ballot
measures in 11 states
relating to gay marriage. On
a vote in 34 states
approved 163 wildly
different proposals, voters in
California okayed the use of
marijuana; Oklahoma
voted to take a chance
on lottery; and
residents passed a
kind crackdown
on immigrants.

Republicans and decade house control

WASHINGTON (AP) —
Over of incumbency
and advantageous GOP
winning in Texas swept
control to another two
control over the
House of Representatives.
By all sitting repre-
sents in the 435-
House won re-
elected, leaving Speaker
Benson, Majority
Tom DeLay and
GOP majority firmly
in place.

ANOTHER CLOSE CALL



PHOTO BY PABLO MARTINEZ MONSIVAIS/AP PHOTO
President Bush and First Lady Laura Bush wave to supporters at the Ronald Reagan Building in Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004 after proclaiming victory over Democratic Sen. John Kerry. At left is Vice-President Dick Cheney and members of his family.

Bush claims mandate for war, tax agenda, reaches for Democrats' support

By RON FOURNER
AP Political Writer

WASHINGTON (AP) — President Bush claimed a re-election mandate Wednesday after a record 59 million Americans chose him over Democrat John Kerry and voted to expand Republican control of Congress as well. He pledged to pursue his agenda on taxes and Iraq while seeking "the broad support of all Americans."

Kerry conceded defeat in make-or-break Ohio rather than launch a legal fight reminiscent of the contentious Florida recount of four years ago. "I hope that we can begin the healing," the Massachusetts senator said.

Claiming a second term denied his father, George H.W. Bush, the president struck a conciliatory tone, too. "A new term is a new opportunity to reach out to the whole nation," he said, speaking directly to Kerry's supporters.

"To make this nation stronger and better, I will need your support and I will work to earn it," he said. "I will do all I can do to deserve your trust."

It was a warm-and-fuzzy close to one of the longest, most negative presidential races in a generation.

Bush didn't use the word mandate, but Vice President Dick Cheney did, and the president's intention was clear as he ticked off a familiar list of second-term goals: overhaul the tax code

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PHOTO BY GERALD HERBERT/AP PHOTO
Democratic Presidential candidate Sen. John Kerry, D-Mass., waves to supporters with his wife Teresa Heinz Kerry at his side after delivering his concession speech at Faneuil Hall in Boston Wednesday, Nov. 3, 2004.



PHOTO BY NICK ROUMAS/STAFF PHOTOGRAPHER
Students line up to cast their ballots in the Student Union. Northwest saw a 91 percent voter turnout in this election.

Record voter turnout for on-campus polling site

By KIMBERLY BRAND
Missourian Reporter

Students entered the Student Union to eat, socialize and exercise an American right Tuesday as the on-campus polling site attracted a landmark voter turnout.

After working with the Nodaway County courthouse to secure the polling location, Northwest saw 91 percent voter turnout for this election, the highest for any precinct in Nodaway County.

According to Carol Cowles, assistant vice president for Student Affairs, 574 students voted at the University polling site

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University Provost prospect to visit

UNI Dean sought
out for the open
Provost seat

By SAM MUCHIRI
Missourian Reporter

The Provost Search committee will bring their only candidate to campus today and tomorrow to be interviewed by faculty and staff.

Kichoon Yang, currently the Dean of Natural Sciences at the University of Northern Iowa was chosen among 30 candidates. He will replace Taylor Barnes, the current provost who is leaving in 2005.

"He has really excellent scientific credentials and experience, the committee that interviewed was very impressed with him in the interview process," said Northwest's President, Dean Hubbard. "And of all of the candidates we interviewed we thought he was the best."

Michael Hobbs, associate professor of English, and search committee member, was impressed by Yang's intellectual character.

"My impression of him from interviewing him in Kansas City is that he is a really strong candidate for the Provost position," he said. "I am very optimistic, he has a very good sense of humor; he puts everybody at ease, he has a sort of charming way about him."

Hobbs went on to say Yang's charisma was immediately evident when he walked in the room for his interview. "He also has a very sharp

mind and is genuinely interested in doing his best to clarify what we wanted to hear from him," said Hobbs.

During Yang's visit he will meet with the Provost search committee, President's Cabinet, Deans Council, Faculty Senate and faculty. Each will provide feedback in determining if Yang becomes Provost.

Friday, he will tour campus and attend another open meeting with faculty. He will also meet with faculty department chairs and look at housing opportunities in Maryville.

"We wanted somebody who first of all would promote and be enthusiastic about our cultural quality, and secondly we wanted somebody who would fit in with the team that we have here," Hubbard said. "By that I mean he's the team

leader of the deans, and would work collaboratively with our faculty."

Hubbard added that Yang's background and skills would benefit the University if Northwest moves into biotechnology.

Yang has various academic credentials that include a Ph.D. in Mathematics from Washington University, and a B.S. in Mathematics from University of North Carolina. He has also worked for various companies in different positions.

If Yang gets the job he will take office on Jan. 1, 2005. The new Provost will serve second in command to the President as the chief academic officer.

Construction to begin on new sewer project

By DOMINICK HADLEY
Missourian Reporter

In an effort to bring new industrial development to the city, the Maryville Industrial Development Corporation will begin a sewer expansion project on a track of land on the north side of Highway 136.

Expected to begin in early December, the project is the final step in ongoing efforts to develop the necessary infrastructure needed to support a new factory.

Initial developments on the 180-acre property include the installation of a new water main, as well as a four-inch gas main.

The corporation has also set up services with United Electric and Aquila to provide all the services required for prospective property owners.

The corporation decided to start the sewer project after receiving a \$138,000 matching funds grant from the Environmental Protection Agency, with the help of Sen. Kit Bond.

"We have all the utilities and we understand now that

getting sewer is an important thing — or you can't have factories," said Carol Hess, one of the corporation's board members.

Brad Pfost, president of White Cloud Engineering and Construction, the company contracted to complete the project, also agrees the project is vital to begin industrial growth on the property.

"You've got to have this," Pfost said. "There is no question that there would not be industrial growth without sewer, sanitary service. If you don't have sewers then you can't expand existing factories and that's why this project is vital."

The corporation currently does not have a company lined up to occupy the property. But board member Larry Rusco says that now that they've initiated the sewer project, it will only be a matter of time before a contract is made.

"It is an important part of the infrastructure," Rusco said. "It is my experience that businesses will come; you just need to have the infrastructure ready so that the community can react."

Local and State Election Winners

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Missouri News

Voters pass medicinal marijuana regulations

COLUMBIA, Mo. (AP) — Possession of small amounts of marijuana would be decriminalized and medical use of the drug would be legal under two propositions Columbia voters approved by large margins.

Voters there also approved a measure that requires the city to generate or purchase electricity from renewable resources in increasingly higher percentages for the next 18 years.

Nearly 70 percent of voters approved Proposition 1, which allows medical use of marijuana if authorized by a physician, in Tuesday's election. The proposition says that if the prohibition on arrest, prosecution and punishment is deemed invalid, the maximum penalty for such medical use of the drug would be a \$50 fine.

A similar proposition makes enforcement of laws against marijuana use the lowest law enforcement priority. It passed with nearly 61 percent approval.

Under the second ordinance, adults cannot be arrested for possessing less than 35 grams of marijuana, but could be charged in municipal court. The

measure creates a strong presumption that such marijuana cases would result in deferred prosecution, suspended sentences and community service or drug counseling.

The maximum fine for possessing small amounts of pot would be \$250 under the ordinance.

"I am stunned," Columbia prosecutor Rose Wibbenmeyer said Wednesday. "I'm really, really surprised and now I'm looking at it as a matter of, 'Where am I going to put all these files I'm going to have coming into my office?'"

Wibbenmeyer estimated that the number of misdemeanor marijuana charges her department handles will double. Last year, her office prosecuted about 280 misdemeanor pot cases, she said, and sent another 300 to the state for prosecution.

She also wondered how the proposals will impact the state's "Abuse and Lose" laws, which revoke the driver's license of anybody over 21 caught in possession of the drug while driving, and anyone under 21 who is caught in possession of marijuana under any circum-



AP PHOTO/ALASKA STATE POLICE

Marijuana plants seized by the Alaska State Troopers are seen in undated file photo. Ballot Measure 2, if passed in the Nov. elections, would make Alaska the first state to completely decriminalize marijuana.

stances.

County Prosecutor Kevin Crane agreed that passage of the marijuana measures leaves several unanswered questions, especially on the medical marijuana issue, and poses a few problems for law enforcement in a town where most minor marijuana charges already were being referred to municipal court.

"Now that this has passed, does a physician tell a patient to go to a street corner and buy it from a drug dealer, but don't buy crack, just the marijuana?" Crane said. "Does the act of pre-

scribing illegal medication cause a patient to engage in illegal activity? I think that got lost in the mix."

He said similar proposals failed two years ago, likely because there was an aggressive campaign against them. This time, he said, there was not much vocal opposition.

"I don't think it was a fully informed decision," he said. "A lot of people would have voted yes if they were informed, but a lot of people, if they heard what I was just saying, would vote no."

National News

Siblings convicted in first felony spam conviction

LEESBURG, Va. (AP) — A brother and sister who sent junk e-mail to millions of America Online customers were convicted Wednesday in the nation's first felony prosecution of Internet spam distributors.

Jurors recommended that Jeremy Jaynes be sentenced to nine years in prison and fined Jessica DeGroot \$7,500 after convicting them of three counts each of sending e-mails with fraudulent and untraceable routing information.

A third defendant, Richard Rutkowski, 30, was acquitted of similar charges.

The judge was still considering a motion from defense attorneys to set aside the verdict and will hear arguments on it a later date. He had said previously that he had reservations about allowing the case against DeGroot and Rutkowski to go to a jury.

Virginia, where AOL is based, prosecuted the case under a law that took effect last year barring people from sending bulk e-mail that is unsolicited and masks its origin.

Prosecutors said Jaynes, 30, and DeGroot, 28, who live in the Raleigh, N.C., area, used the Internet to peddle sham products and services such as a "FedEx refund processor."

The refund processor supposedly allowed people to earn \$75 an hour for working from home. In one month alone, Jaynes received 10,000 credit card orders, each for \$39.95, for the processor.

"This is a snake oil salesman in a new format," said state prosecutor Samuel E. Fishel IV.

Prosecutors had asked the jury to impose a maximum prison sentence of 15 years for Jaynes and to consider some jail time for his sister.

David Oblon, Jaynes' attorney, argued that it was inappropriate for prosecutors to seek what he called excessive punishment because it was the first time the new law had been prosecuted.

Oblon also said that because his client was a North Carolina resident he would have been unaware of the Virginia law.

Attorney General Jerry W. Kilgore applauded the convictions and called Virginia's anti-spam law the toughest in America.

"Spam is a nuisance to millions of Americans, but it is also a major problem for businesses large and small because the thousands of unwanted e-mails create havoc as they attempt to conduct business," Kilgore said in a statement.

International News

Europe offers to let past go, seeks new beginning with Bush

PARIS (AP) — European allies alienated by President Bush's first four years in power offered Wednesday to let bygones be bygones, saying they want to work with the new administration and seeking, right from Day one, to get the new White House to listen more to overseas opinion.

French President Jacques Chirac, in a congratulatory letter, said he hoped Bush's second term "will be the occasion for strengthening the French-American friendship."

"We will be unable to find satisfying responses to the numerous challenges that confront us today without a close trans-Atlantic partnership," wrote Chirac. He addressed the letter to "Dear George."

German Chancellor Gerhard Schroeder, who also clashed with Bush over Iraq, wrote the president a congratulatory letter expressing "great expectations" for renewed cooperation.

"The world stands before great challenges at the beginning of your second term: international terrorism, the danger of weapons of mass destruction, regional crises, but also poverty, climate change and epidemics threaten our security and stability," Schroeder wrote. "These challenges can only be mastered together."

Another critic of the Iraq war, Spanish Prime Minister Jose Luis Rodriguez Zapatero said his government wants "a relationship of efficient, constructive cooperation with the U.S. government and with President Bush, respecting the ideas of each side."

Zapatero, who angered Washington by withdrawing Spanish troops from Iraq, stayed up most of the night to watch as Republican red crept across the U.S. electoral map.

Election interest in Europe was intense, as was the disappointment many felt over Bush's victory. Some saw it as proof that Europe and the United States are further apart than ever.

"There is a major and lasting lack of understanding between the American people and the rest of the world, in both directions," said Hubert Vedrine, a former French foreign min-

ister. "Almost all nations, with perhaps three or four exceptions, want change."

Others worried that Bush strengthened by a bigger win in 2000 and backed by a Republican Congress, would turn a deaf ear to world concerns.

"Europe will continue to give Bush the same way as earlier," Swedish Prime Minister Goran Persson. "But I do not believe that will be more willing to listen."

Bush allies in the war on terror took comfort in continuity.

"From our point of view, the administration is a known quantity," said Australian Foreign Minister Alexander Downer. "We've had a good relationship with them for a long time and I'm sure we'll be able to keep building on that over the next four."

Russian President Vladimir Putin said a Bush victory would mean American people had not given in to terrorist threats.

"I would feel happy that American people have not allowed themselves to be scared and made a decision they considered reasonable," Putin said at a Kremlin news conference after talks with Italian Prime Minister Silvio Berlusconi.

"Bush will keep up that policy," gives the United States the role of promoting freedom in the world, Berlusconi said.


British Prime Minister Tony Blair pledged to work with Bush in the on terrorism and in revitalizing Middle East peace process, and on Europe and the United States "build anew their alliance" strains created by the Iraq war.

"A world that is fractured, divided and uncertain must be brought together to fight this global terror in all its forms and to recognize it will not be defeated by military might alone but also by demonstrating the strength of our common values, by bringing freedom and democracy to Iraq as we have done in Afghanistan, by pursuing with the energy peace in the Middle East between Israel and Palestine," Blair

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Our View

Move on

While the Presidential Election proved disappointing for half of Americans, the time is now for the nation to unite

As people across the country woke up Wednesday morning, they were still Americans.

Forget about using labels like Republican, Democrat, conservative or liberal. Remember when people called themselves Americans?

It was Sept. 11, 2001, after the worst attack on American soil.

And when Sen. John Kerry conceded the presidential race to President George W. Bush Wednesday, a strong message was sent: this country needs to unite now more than ever.

While people opposed to Bush ranted on about how the sky is falling and how the country will never recoup from the 2004 election, bear this in mind: the people spoke.

The people voted for President Bush by more than 3 million votes. There was no controversy, and no Florida like there was in 2000.

Kerry knew the people had spoken when he addressed a group of nearly 2,000 supporters in Boston Wednesday. Showing fatigue and disappointment, Kerry urged Americans to unite and move forward.

At a much more upbeat victory address, Bush urged those who didn't vote for him to have faith and trust that he will lead America in the right direction.

As Americans, we must take these messages seriously, and must support President Bush through his second term in the White House. Too much is riding on the line to be disgruntled, disappointed and hating America because your candidate didn't win.

Last week, we endorsed Kerry as our candidate for president. He didn't win. Now, we must move on and hold no grudges. If we do, we are completely missing the point the founding fathers of this nation presented in the early years. Everyone has the freedom to vote and the freedom of speech. Yet, this country sits in a dangerous situation, arguably more divided than ever.

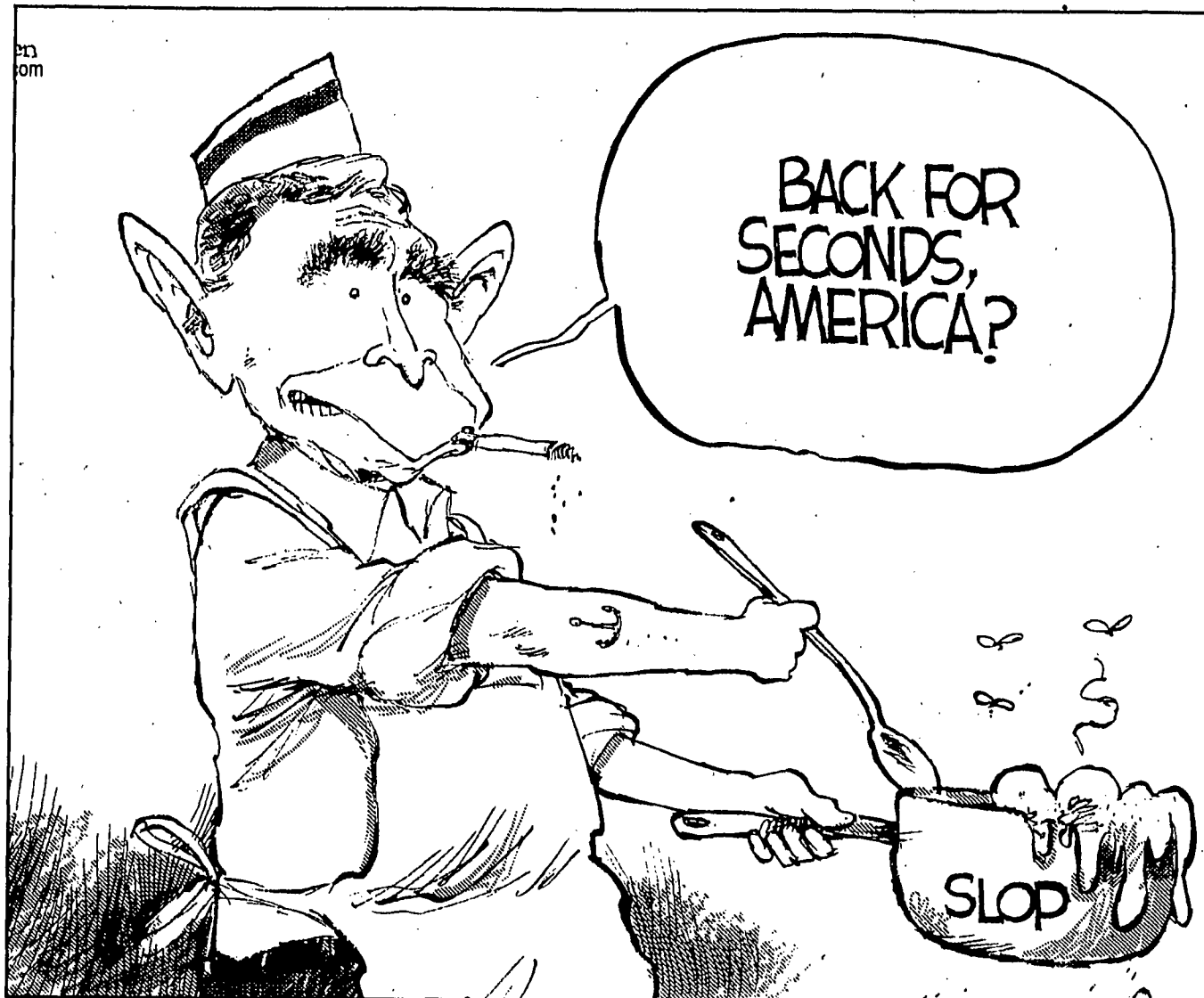
The division of the country also can be seen in the U.S. Senate. The Democrats did not fare well there either Tuesday, with the GOP winning four new seats. One defeat, that of one-time Senate Majority Leader Byron Dorgan, (D-S.D.) losing to Republican challenger Tim Wirth, particularly hurts the Democratic Party. And while the GOP now has 55 out of the 100 Senate seats, they must work on legislation that unites and strengthens this nation. Current legislation that inhibits the rights of others only expedites the danger we're ready in.

To combat the division this presidential election helped create, do what Kerry and Sen. John Edwards urged Americans to do: keep pressing. Keep living the American dream. Keep being inspired by people, regardless of their political stripe.

One example of this can be seen here on campus. Students for Political Awareness continue to provide students the opportunity to learn and discuss issues in an informal way. This proved to be true Monday during a special forum involving the hotly contested issues in the 2004 election. Drawing nearly 50 students, every political affiliation was welcome and no question was left unanswered.

Wednesday night, hours after the election had been decided, SPA discussed the major issues just like every Wednesday. Those students are not looking at the past, but are looking at the future.

What a novel idea. Students and the rest of the country should do the same, and look toward the future.



At least voters' passion is a plus

Throughout yesterday, I was reminded of the feeling I had as a 10-year-old on a warm, spring day playing baseball. After a horrible day at the plate, my team—down by a couple runs late in the game—had made a charge by loading the bases.

With two outs, I grabbed my bat and headed to the plate, determined not to let my team down. I dug in with a death grip on the bat as I stared out at the pitcher who had made me look bad all day. After a vicious swing in which I almost spun out of my shoes, I heard calls from the dugout to slow down, wait for a pitch and just make contact.

So I took a deep breath, stuck my cleats in the dirt and choked up on the bat. The pitch came in and I took my best swing. The result—a dribbler to the third baseman.

Out. The game was over. And I remember as my father and I walked home, he put his arm on my shoulder and said very simply: "We'll get 'em next time."

I didn't hang my head early yesterday morning when the results of the presidential election came in at a snail's pace, but I had that same feeling in my stomach of defeat. I hate that feeling—almost of hopelessness,

My View



Aaron Bailey

and it really didn't sink in fully until John Kerry made his concession speech.

And while John Kerry certainly didn't let the team down, he has to feel a bit like I did on that day.

But even though my horse didn't come in first, I can't help but feel truly proud of my country. With the highest voter turnout in three decades, including new record highs in six states, the American people spoke out on Tuesday—in fact they almost screamed.

In Nodaway County, 84 percent of eligible voters cast a ballot, the highest in recent history. Almost every student that was registered on this campus voted, 91 percent, which dispelled my worry about young voter apathy.

And while flipping the dials Tuesday night, I was inspired, yet saddened, when a Kansas City camera crew caught an exchange between a young woman and an election judge. The tearful woman pleaded in vain that she had registered to vote, but the election judge kept repeating that her name was not on the roll sheet. She was given a provisional ballot, and who knows if her vote will count?

Democracy is alive and well—and that gives me hope that we'll get 'em next time. The system is far from perfect, but it's almost beautifully flawed—kind of like humanity itself. And while it's not without faults, there are people all over the world that would die for the right that we exercised on Tuesday.

People are once again passionate about their government, and I just hope we keep this passion because sure, the Democrats took a severe beating Tuesday, but if a Republican dominated federal government is what the majority of the American people want, so be it.

There's always next time—and that's what makes democracy great.

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LETTER TO THE EDITOR

Student deems flag argument ridiculous

I would just like to give a response to the statements that have been made in Backtalk concerning the flying of Native American flags. This school may have policies that students disagree with, but to accuse Northwest of being racist is the silliest thing I have ever heard.

The flags flown on International Plaza are for students who are citizens of other countries. Tribal flags are sacred, special items, and they are all respectfully represented in

our country's flag, the United States Flag.

Instead of making ridiculous accusations about racism, this person should be thanking the University and the Powwow Committee for finally having an event to bring everyone together to learn and have fun.

Without these determined individuals and especially the University's assistance, the event never would have happened. Take the same initiative that these

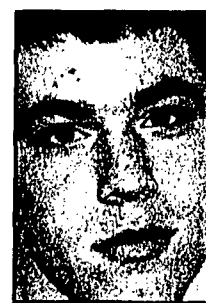
people did. Thanks to them, there is now a scholarship fund for a Native student to come to our school.

Rather than using your sudden interest in American Indian culture to bash the University, make up for your lost time by accomplishing something yourself.

MARIA SWOPE
SPEECH COMMUNICATION

YOUR VIEW

Who would you have chosen as your ultimate presidential candidate?



"The ultimate president, for me, would be Jesus Christ because he was perfect. All of his decisions are already just, why not let him rule the country?"

Brendan Riggs
Elementary Education



"I think that the Terminator would make a great president. That would be the greatest American dream. He's socially liberal and economically conservative."

Brian Long
History



"Oprah because anyone who can give out that much free stuff must already run things anyway."

Erin McCullough
Middle School Education



"My mother. She's an incredible and caring woman. And how cool would it be to live in the White House?"

Hannah Barfoot
Theater Performance



"Alan Watts was a wonderful philosopher who would have been able to keep the peace. I feel that he would be able to repair and keep wonderful international relations."

Lance Lewis
Support Staff

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"Well it distresses me but doesn't surprise me that you endorsed three very liberal candidates; Kerry, Broomfield and whoever else, when you know that Democrats stand for gays, lesbians, minorities and discriminate against straight white males and Christians. Now who's the evil one here? Remember, a vote for Kerry is a vote for evil."

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William Baker, Scott Igleski, Brandon Heck and Chance Ryneason play the video game HALO during the grand opening of Arena Games Monday. The new business offers patrons video game consoles in which you can purchase playing time.

New business offers video game players venue to blow up universes

By DAN BRADLEY
Buzz Reporter

Although the finishing touches are still being added, Arena Games opened Monday, much to the delight of video game enthusiasts.

The video game venue, located at 1006 S. Main St., grabbed the attention of local gamers right away, attracting more than 40 people.

Co-owner Renee Luehrs wanted to bring something different to Maryville for both college students and local residents. Her husband originally had the idea of a video game shop, and acquired the appropriate licensing on Oct. 14.

"My husband wanted to start a buy-sell-trade game place," Luehrs

said. "We're trying to aim for college students and high school kids."

Featuring all forms of gaming consoles, such as Playstation 2, X-Box and Gamecube, the shop offers something not always available in dorm rooms and parents' basements, like oversized leather chairs plopped right in front of widescreen TV's.

The prices are \$5 for an hour of gaming or \$3 for a half-hour. They also offer discount prices for serious gamers looking to set up a tournament.

The types of video games available range from sports games to more obscure games like the arcade hit Dance Dance Revolution, which requires a floor pad that Arena Games provides.

Arena Games also buys and sells previously-owned video games, and their front counter display already

contains a few for sale, with more planned on the way.

By far, the most popular game played is Halo, said co-owner Luehrs. The anticipation for the release of the game's sequel prompted the owners to hold a Halo 2 party which will last 24 hours, starting midnight on Nov. 9.

Parents who brought their kids to the opening were in full support of the video game hangout. Local resident Christine Gregory said the venue offers alternative entertainment now that winter approaches.

"It's a good thing for the kids to have something to do in town," Gregory said. "And now it's getting darker earlier, it's better than hanging out on the streets."

The Luehrs' are also planning their next venture, an indoor park, which they are excited about getting started in the near future.

Elderly abuse hotline reaches 1 million calls

Missouri's call system to report abuse surpasses unwanted milestone

By DENNIS SHARKEY
Missourian Reporter

Call numbers are shooting up for one of Missouri's most important hotlines, and more help is needed.

Just last month the Elder Abuse and Neglect Hotline of Missouri logged its one millionth call. The 24-hour hotline has been in service since 1980 when calls were few and far between, but today it's not uncommon to receive 200 calls per day, according to call center manager Randy Rodgers.

"People are living a lot longer now, seniors are getting older and frailer," Rodgers said. "A lot of them can't con-

tinue to keep up with everyday personal care."

Rodgers also said things like lack of food, bad sanitation and lack of visitors are signs that a senior may be experiencing neglect.

Although physical abuse and neglect only account for 36 percent of calls received by the hotline, it is a problem that's on the rise. The biggest jump is in long term care facility incidents, which are up 63 percent in the last two years. Never the less, Rodgers said that he wouldn't hesitate putting a family member in a nursing home.

"The more you visit someone in a home the better care they get," Rodgers said. "You can see the changes if any, and you can work with the facility."

To help the problem, Missouri has the Ombudsman Program consisting of screened and trained volunteers. After training, the volunteers are assigned to a facility that has agreed to participate in the program. The volunteer's task is to befriend residents, particularly those with no family.

Many calls made are anonymous, and many more are not made at all due to fear, according to St. Francis Hospital social worker Krista Arnold.

"You're not going to see a whole lot of reports from the elderly like you would from younger people," Arnold said. "They're from the 'keep your mouth shut' generation, and their values are different."

Locally the problem is not as bad as in some other parts of the state. But Maryville Public Safety Director Keith Wood said that on average he sees about 2-4 cases a year—especially in the form of financial exploitation. Wood believes it is a problem that needs to be addressed.

"I see it as a problem because it's incumbent of any civilized society to take care of the elderly," Wood said.

To become a volunteer, log onto dhs.gov, or to report abuse call 1-800-392-0210.

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KEITH WOOD
PUBLIC SAFETY DIRECTOR

First Habitat for Humanity home opens; owners elated

By JARED HOFFMANN
Chief Reporter

The Habitat for Humanity of Nodaway County celebrated the completion of its first home Sunday in Hopkins, Mo.

Volunteer members presented the house keys to Jeremy and Melissa Calfee during a front-lawn dedication ceremony.

The Calfees were overjoyed to finally become home owners.

"It's incredible," Melissa said. "My husband and I have worked really hard helping to build it. It's just incredible."

According to Julie Ervin, special projects coordinator for community services, the Habitat for Humanity is an all-volunteer organization that helps prospective home owners who cannot attain or afford bank loans.

Once the Calfees were selected, their part did not end there. According to Ervin, each family is required to fulfill "sweat-equity,"

which is a selected number of hours to be spent during certain phases of the construction process. Ervin said this is a crucial part of the home-building process.

"We don't just give houses away," Ervin said. "They actually put work into their home, so they feel like they have true ownership of it."

Ervin has been involved with the Habitat for Humanity for quite some time and said it is moments like those that make all the hours of volunteering worth it.

"It makes you feel really good," Ervin said. "Being able to give something to a family is a great way for us to give back to the community. It makes you feel a lot better knowing you helped give someone a home."

Habitat for Humanity is currently planning on building a second home in the near future. To find out how you can get involved, visit nodawayhabitat.org or call Julie Ervin or Melinda Patton at 582-3113.

Republicans significantly increase edge in Missouri House, Senate

JEFFERSON CITY, Mo. (AP)—Republicans garnered strong support in rural and suburban areas to add to their control of the state Legislature, and wasted no time Wednesday choosing new leaders.

Heading into Election Day, Republicans controlled 20 of 34 Senate seats and ran the House by a 90-73 margin. By Wednesday, with all precincts reporting unofficial results, the party had picked up three seats in the Senate, giving it 23 of 34, and seven in the House, for a new margin of 97-66.

Republicans will actually have 22 seats and one vacancy because Sen. Sarah Steelman won her race for state treasurer and must resign her senate seat. Steelman has not said when she will resign, so it's not clear when a special election will be held.

Political scientists said the gains Republicans made in their control of the Legislature illustrate the state is becoming more conservative.

Martha Kropf, who teaches political science at University of Missouri-

Kansas City, also noted that although Republicans added to their control, they will still have a tough job to do. In particular, she pointed to the need to change how the state funds public schools and make up for tax money voters directed toward roads rather than education or social services, coupled with Republicans' desire not to raise taxes.

"It presents an interesting budget picture for the Republicans," she said.

House Republicans announced Wednesday afternoon that they had chosen current Speaker Pro Tem Rod Jetton of Marble Hill as their new speaker, and House Budget Committee chairman Carl Bearden of St. Charles as their speaker pro tem. The new majority leader is Tom Dempsey, also of St. Charles.

Outgoing Speaker Catherine Hanaway, R-Warson Woods, left her seat to run for secretary of state, but lost to Robin Carnahan, while House majority leader Jason Crowell of Cape Girardeau won election to the state Senate.



Brother Damian Larson, a longtime Conception Abbey monk, died at the hands of a gunman June 10, 2002. His loves of weather and children inspired a weather radio project in his

Legacy of fallen Brother lives on in local schools

By JARED HOFFMANN
Chief Reporter

Though Brother Damian Larson of Conception Abbey may be gone, his love for predicting the weather has influenced a program that will warn others of dangerous weather conditions.

The program, named the Brother Damian Larson Memorial NOAA Weather Radio Project, will operate in accordance with the National Weather Service to alert communities of hazardous weather occurrences. The radio service will benefit every school in Nodaway County once funding reaches or exceeds \$1,200, according to Susan Staashelm, spokeswoman for Maryville Public Safety.

Staashelm said the department of Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department have combined efforts in order to raise the funds. Both departments expect to surpass that amount very soon, having already received \$1,031 from area business.

Staashelm said that having the weather warning system will help students and faculty take emergency actions much quicker.

"These radios will allow schools to receive advanced warnings at the same time they are received by law enforcement and emergency personnel," Staashelm said. "This will eliminate delays in the dissemination of information and allow schools to implement safety

procedures in a timelier manner."

Larson had spent more than two decades at Conception Abbey, but days at the monastery were tragically ended on June 10, 2002 when he was shot by The Rev. Philip Schuster, who died by a lone gunman before he could take his own life at the complex.

According to Dan Madden, Director of Development and Communications at Conception Abbey, Larson had a love for teaching children about the weather. Madden said the implementation of this weather service in schools is a fitting tribute to the many knew as "the Weather Monk."

"Brother Damian would be proud by this worthy project," Madden said in a recent press release. "It was always his responsibility to ensure that even when the Abbey was up to speed on emergency procedures. And he loved nothing more than teaching a group of visiting children about the weather and then taking them on hayrides through the Abbey farmland."

According to Melissa Wallace, Director of the Sheriff's Department's program, in some ways this program embodies Brother Damian's work.

"He was dedicated to helping people of this area gain a better understanding of weather, and he taught children about the beauty and the danger of weather," Wallace said. "Our job is the same as his was — to keep children safe."

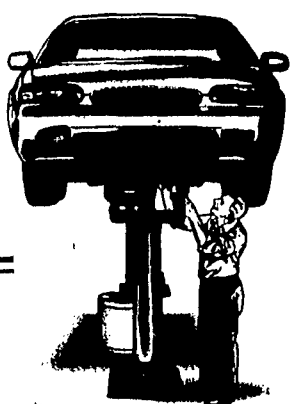
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Oct. 16	Missouri Western State	1 pm
Oct. 23	at Truman State	1:30 pm
Oct. 30	at Southwest Baptist	1:30 pm
Nov. 6	Pittsburg State	2 pm

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Amnesty protests diamond mines

By ABBY SIMONS
Editor in Chief

When attempting to explain the hidden injustices behind the world's most precious gem, Patrick Broz likens the diamond industry's resemblance to not-so-ancient history.

"It's like the intercontinental railroad in the 1800s," said Broz, vice president of Northwest's Amnesty International chapter. "When we built it, we trampled on the rights of minority workers, giving them poor working conditions and poor pay, if any, and many died. The same is happening in Africa to the indigenous people, or those who just happen to be around diamond mines."

Because of such injustices, Amnesty International will be placing life-size cardboard cutouts around campus that depict the so-called "blood diamond" industry quite literally—through cardboard cutouts depicting citizens crushed by the precious gems. The large cutouts will be placed in the Student Union, B.D. Owens Library, and The Station.

According to Amnesty International's Web site, illicit diamond mining practices run rampant in African regions including Angola, Sierra Leone and the Democratic Republic of the Congo. Diamonds in the region have been linked to human rights abuses by insurgent groups who use forced labor to mine the diamonds, later using the profits to fuel the resources for conflict and carry out atrocities against citizens of the region. Amnesty members hope the five-foot by five-foot stand-ups send a message to those who may contemplate buying diamonds this Christmas season.

"What we're trying to get across is don't buy diamonds or buy diamonds that you know aren't blood diamonds, and there are ways of doing that," Broz said. "Just remember, it's the symbolism behind the diamond that's more important than the actual diamond, and if we can get people to realize that, maybe they can use some other precious gem where the mining practices aren't questionable."

Although restrictions are in place that prevent the shipment of

"blood diamonds" for purchase, including the Clean Diamond Trade Act and Jewelers for Clean Diamonds, abuses aren't entirely extinct, Broz said.

"It's all about money, no matter what corporation or what you're selling, you're in it to sell the cheapest product," Broz said. "If a diamond business or company sees that they can buy diamonds cheaper from a country in Africa, they're probably going to go for low cost because they're still diamonds."

Preventing the purchase of illicit diamonds and spreading awareness should come easy, Broz said. All that's needed is a conscience.

"We shouldn't be so presumptuous as to assume that us having a diamond on our finger or in our ear or in a brooch is more important than the livelihood or the life of another human being," Broz said. "Essentially, by buying these diamonds, we may be condemning other people to persecution or death."

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Sophomore Patrick Broz creates a life-size cardboard cutout depicting citizens crushed by the precious gems. Amnesty International will display these cutouts next week.

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Bush reaches for Democratic support

and Social Security at home while waging war in Iraq and elsewhere to stem terror.

Bush stands to reshape the federal judiciary, starting with an aging Supreme Court that voted 5-4 to award him Florida four years ago. In all branches of government, the GOP now holds a solid, if not permanent, ruling majority.

Bush's vote totals were the biggest ever and his slice of the vote, 51 percent, made him the first president to claim a majority since 1988 when his father won 53 percent against Democrat Michael Dukakis.

Like Dukakis, Kerry is a Massachusetts politician who was labeled a liberal by a Bush. This president also called Kerry a flip-flopping opportunist who would fight feebly against terror.

None of that rancor was evident Wednesday, when Kerry called Bush to concede the race. He told Bush the

country needed to be united, and Bush agreed. But the numbers suggest the country is deeply split.

Bush's victory ensures Republican dominance of virtually every quarter of the U.S. political system for years to come—the White House, Congress and the federal judiciary. Democrats pored over election results and sadly determined that the GOP base was bigger, more rural, suburban and Hispanic than they had ever imagined.

They looked within their own party, and found plenty of Democrats to blame—Kerry, his running mate John Edwards, their layers of consultants and legions of former Bill Clinton aides. The jockeying began in earnest for the 2008 race, with Edwards signaling his ambitions by pressing Kerry to wage a legal fight for Ohio. Democrats love to fight the GOP, particularly those Democrats who vote in primaries and caucuses.

Faculty Senate approves honors program

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University Editor

Students who reach academic excellence in both their GPA and ACT scores can achieve another feat with Northwest's Honors Program.

Faculty Senate passed an initiative Wednesday to offer this program to both current and prospective students by next fall.

However, the Board of Regents must concur, and University departments offering general education required courses must establish specialized sections of the course to challenge these students.

"The main motivation for exploring this program, is the number of students, both current and prospective, that expressed interest," said Theo Ross, chair of the department communication, theatre and languages. "We want to be able to provide the opportunities for these stu-

dents who are looking for that increase of a challenge offered in their honors programs."

Formerly asked by University President Dean Hubbard in 2002 to develop the program, Ross along with a committee of faculty and administrators formulated the criteria for the program based off of several sources that profiled Universities with successful Honors Programs.

Ross said this program will include components such as special residential housing, extra curricular activities and recognition during commencement.

"To know you're getting students who expect to be challenged to receive this enhancement, it's exciting to receive students like that," Ross said.

Admission requirements into the Honors Program for first-time students include an ACT composite score of 26 and a high school GPA of 3.5. Transfer

students may be admitted with a 3.75 GPA if they have 12-23 hours, 3.6 with 24-29 hours and a 3.5 GPA with at least 30 hours. Continuing students must also meet the same requirements as transfer students.

Overall, Ross said this new program will be offer great opportunities for students while at the same time remaining consistent with the quality of Northwest's programs.

"This gives a name and identity to the quality that we have always had here, we just haven't named them," he said. "This will formalize our quality."

Provost Taylor Barnes said he believes the honors curriculum developed for Northwest's program will help meet the academic needs of a high performing segment of our student population.

"The senate's action confirmed our focus on better serving our students' needs," Barnes said.

National awards for Who's Who among students coming soon

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

The ballots are in. After being sent to nationals and the results will be back in two to three months.

Students from more than 50 student organizations have been nominated for by their peers for the Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges award.

According to Student Affairs Committee Co-Chair Kara Ferguson, nominations are piled into a list before undergoing a check to make sure the minimum 2.75 GPA requirement is met.

After that, they are sent off to nationals where the certificates are printed and sent back to the University.

The history of Who's Who Among Students began in 1934, when Pettus Randall, an undergraduate student at the University of Alabama, was preparing to en-

ter law school. He had been an outstanding student in all aspects of academic and campus activities and as a result had been tapped into various campus honor societies. Although Randall valued these honors bestowed by his alma mater, he was unable to accept them because membership dues and initiation fees would have increased his financial burden.

Randall then conceived of an honors program without dues or fees that would select and recognize outstanding students for their academic accomplishments and scholastic contributions.

Who's Who exists today as one of the most highly regarded and long-standing honors programs in the nation, having earned the over-whelming respect of college faculties and administrations.

More than 1,900 schools in all 50 states and the District of Columbia nominate students. Those selected are recognized and inducted into the distinguished so-

ciety.

"Every year each participating school is allowed to nominate a specific number of individuals, Ferguson said.

This year's limit was 150 students and organizations chose anywhere from three to 19 students as representatives.

Delta Epsilon Chi, a business organization, selected four members to receive the award according to president Kim Cline.

"All of our people were seniors, we felt that those were the best four people," Cline said. "They were chosen more by the executive committee and they contributed to our organization so that's basically why they were nominated in the first place."

Other organizations like the Phi Mu sorority, choose their representatives by a majority group decision.

"Our entire chapter nominates and then votes," president Jaime Pollock said. "Most are selected on

contributions to Phi Mu, Northwest, and academic achievement."

A common assumption by students is that only the popular people on campus are nominated for the award, but the presidents of organizations believe that people don't believe that students respect the award.

"I don't think Who's Who is taken as seriously as something like a Tower Service award," Cline said. "It's kind of an award that some people want to get and put on their resume."

According to Ferguson, the students who win the award will be recognized by the University and former recipients in the spring trimester.

"We'll hold a reception to honor these people, present them with their certificates and allow them to see everyone else who has received the award as well," she said.

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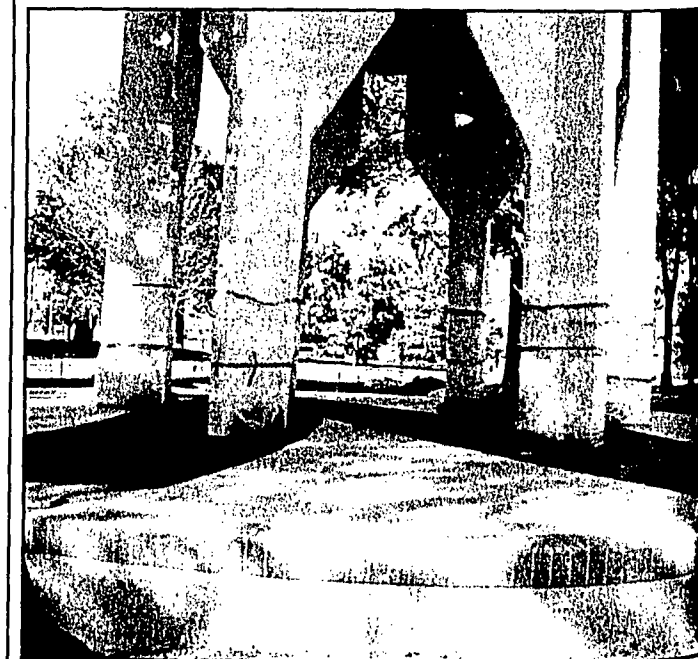


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Construction workers continue to put all the finishing touches on the Bell Tower the giant green "N" and soon the lighting surrounding the tower. The University will rededicate the Bell Tower the first week in December.

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g students judge dairy cattle

By SARAH SWEDBERG
University Editor



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UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Junior Animal Science major Crissy Durst begins the three to six minute milking process of a cow.

professor. "A big fat cow would not be good for milking, but a lean, sharp and annular cows are much more likely to milk."

He adds that the competition overall went very well with the nine colleges that attended from Kansas, Oklahoma, Geor-

gia, Florida and Iowa. Northwest was the only college from Missouri.

"I thought it was a well organized contest," Penn said. "They were well-prepared in how they ran it."

Judging cows for both Penn and Durst entailed 15 minutes of judging each class of cows and then taking a lunch break. Afterwards, they would stand in front of a judge and give reasons for why they judged five classes of cows. Throughout the competition, they must remain silent.

Padgett says judging cows helps students like Durst and Penn in their oral communication and memorization skills.

"They have to learn to think on their feet, to stand up and defend and to talk to a person or group of people," he said. "A lot of prospective employers are looking for good communication skills."

Someday, both Durst and Penn say they will take their degrees in Animal Science and Agriculture Business and their life experiences in cattle both beef and dairy to their future careers.

"I absolutely love the dairy industry," Penn said as he worked milking cows at the University Dairy Farm. "I think of different ways to improve it."



PHOTO BY SARAH SWEDBERG/UNIVERSITY NEWS EDITOR

Senior Animal Science and Agriculture Business double major James Penn prepares to milk the cow. Penn works at the University Dairy Farm three times a week.

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The U.S. Air Force's Shades of Blue Jazz Ensemble performed Election at the Charles Johnson Theatre. The eighteen member band consists of phones, trumpets, trombones, drums, a piano, guitar and bass.

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Record voter turn-out on campus

out of 630 registered voters who lived on campus.

"We registered 548 voters here (this year), so we certainly picked up some formerly registered voters," Cowles said.

Volunteers from Maryville and the campus staffed the poll from 5 a.m. until the polls closed with an early morning start fueled by enthusiasm.

"It's really fun to see people so excited to vote," said Maryville resident Robin Moser, who worked at the poll all day Tuesday. "We got here at 5 a.m. to set everything up and it's been a long day, but the enthusiasm really keeps us going, let's go, let's go!"

Five volunteers stayed on the first floor of the Union, for the duration of the voting hours. Many students coming to vote needed assistance from the volunteers, as this year marked their first opportunity for voting in an election.

The volunteers verified students' eligibility by calling the County Clerk Beth Hann. They also answered questions to ensure correct protocols were followed.

"We try to do everything we can to help, so everyone can vote if they're qualified," Moser said.

Shoba Brown, poll volunteer and member of the Northwest Foundation,

expressed the impression students made on the election volunteers.

"It is so good to see (the large turnout)," Brown said. "The students are very serious about the vote."

She compared the American right of voting to other countries, where citizens cannot vote or the results "are often finagled."

In the lobby of the Union, Your Voice, Your Choice members directed students to the polling station. Student volunteer Joah Beagley expressed his satisfaction at the high voter turnout.

"We're pretty impressed," he said. "A lot of the students that were here who had never voted before."

Beagley, a junior public relations major, said he thought that the high numbers of voters resulted from the availability of a student-friendly voting site.

"I think one of the biggest reasons why people don't vote is there can be a lot of intimidation from the people at the polls," Beagley said. "But the students knew they were going to vote and they found what they're looking for here."

Cowles said that the high turnout will hopefully help establish a permanent on-campus polling site.

For more of this story log on to www.missourianonline.com

Administrators question alcohol-related deaths

By JUSTIN POPE
AP Education Writer

AP—It's a sad but recurring campus story: This autumn, students are again drinking themselves to death.

Colorado State student Samantha Spady had consumed as many as 40 drinks when she was found dead at a fraternity house in September. Lynn Gordon Bailey Jr., Gordie to his friends, had been taken to the mountains near the University of Colorado with fellow Chi Psi fraternity pledges and told not to leave until several bottles of whiskey were finished.

At a University of Oklahoma fraternity house, Blake Hammonree had a blood-alcohol content more than five times the legal limit. Bradley Barrett Kemp of the University of Arkansas had downed a dozen beers and, friends said, possibly other drugs.

Those deaths, three of which have been officially ruled alcohol poisoning, are only the most prominent. The vast majority of the estimated 1,400 alcohol-related deaths each year among college students come in automobile accidents and go largely unnoticed.

The episodes leave college leaders with a persistent question: Is there anything they can do?

"I don't feel hopeless. I do feel frustrated at times, because the problem does continue," said Thomas Burish, president at Washington & Lee University in Virginia, a school that lost two students in an alcohol-related automobile accident in 2000. "No college president I know of says what he or she is doing is solving the problem."

Dangerous drinking has been a feature of campus life since medieval Europe. Experts say it's simply inevitable that alcohol will be one way college students choose to push the boundaries of their newfound independence. And it's inevitable that some, with nobody to make them stop, will go too far.

College presidents interviewed recently insist they aren't helpless. While tragedies are inevitable, they believe

the policies and tone they set save some lives.

"What a college president can do is affect the atmosphere and climate," said Thomas Hearn, who has been actively involved in alcohol issues during his long tenure as president of Wake Forest University. "We think of it as a cultural, not a local, problem. We're not going to solve it by anything we do, but we will have some measurable effect depending on how far we go."

But will any anti-drinking programs work consistently? The evidence is mixed at best.

Proponents of a popular strategy called "social norms marketing," which tries to persuade students that binge drinking isn't as common as they believe, recently presented preliminary research from 130 college campuses claiming the strategy is showing results. Harvard University expert Henry Wechsler has published another study that critiques social norms, claiming it does little good.

Wechsler found modest success for schools that aggressively pursued comprehensive partnerships with nearby communities to limit alcohol access, punish lawbreakers and reduce the influence of alcohol on campus culture. Schools he studied took different approaches, but they included parental notification of offenses, requiring kegs be registered and requiring servers to charge for each drink.

Many experts say education alone won't work.

"It's not about telling kids to be more careful and giving them a brochure and CD-ROM," said Alexander Wagenaar, a University of Florida professor of epidemiology and health policy research. "Changing the environment that fosters it, that's the key."

Samantha's mother, Patty Spady, who is involved with a foundation set up in her memory to educate others about alcohol poisoning, said she believes the culture can change with hard work from educators and a willingness by students to act more responsibly.

Paintball club to raise funds for on-campus site

By ALEXIS HENJA
Missourian Reporter

Paintball Club hopes to have enough money to build an on-campus paintball field soon.

Club president Chris Nelson said the field would be placed on campus near the apartments. He said the field would be placed far enough away to avoid injuring anyone. If an on-campus field is an option, the Mozingo field may be another possibility.

The club must also purchase equipment necessary to play paintball.

"Right now, we're mainly concentrating on getting the field up," Nelson said.

Nelson said.

Building a field on campus is not an easy task, nor inexpensive he added. According to the application, each operator on the field must wear full-face masks and gear, sign a waiver of liability form and be 14 years old. First-aid kits and local medical information must also be available along with obtaining the insurance they need to be in accordance with the University.

Nelson said their main fundraiser goal right now is \$1,200 for netting.

"Right now, we're actually doing just kind of fundraisers," he said. "We just got finished with

our sales of the sugar cookies."

This month, club will hold a Christmas wreath sale. There will be different sizes of wreaths available, with prices ranging from \$10 to \$25. The club will also sell garland, mailbox flags and candle holders.

Paintball has rapidly become one of the most popular sports for people all over the world.

The game, a combination of tag and capture the flag is often trashed by talk of injuries and danger. However, Nelson believes that if people play the game right and follow the rules, the chance of injuries are slim.

"It's not really anything to be

scared of, and we do kind of get a bad wrap because people think of paintball as, it's kind of military training or it's like a war game," Nelson said. "It does sting when you get hit with the paintball, but that's part of the adrenaline rush, is trying not to get hit."

Not only would the field be an excellent opportunity for students and community members alike,

Nelson said, it would allow the club to compete in tournaments.

"The organization does actually have two rental markers that we have purchased just in case, or even loners," he said. "If people want to come play, they're more than welcome to use them."

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Disturbing dilemma: How college life can increase your risk of getting sick

By STEPHANIE STANGL
Features Editor

You've just washed your dishes in the dorm bathroom with the sponge that you've had for nearly three months, your sheets haven't been changed in the same amount of time and your roommate has an affliction that you are certain you don't want any part of.

With cold and flu season quickly approaching, being a college student can make young adults more susceptible to catching these illnesses and others.

According to Virginia Murr, assistant director at the University Health Center, things such as change in sleep, eating and exercise patterns, new living arrangements and the added stress that college life brings can all add to why students are at an increased risk.

"Close quarters and sharing a living space is one potential source of increasing infectious disease spread," Murr said. "College students also have the stress of worrying about academics, relationships and finances now and this can compromise their wellness."

One of the biggest problems that college students encounter is the practice of sharing personal items such as make-up with roommates or close friends.

"Sharing is a really interesting phenomenon with the college age group," Murr said. "I think their parents must have done a really good job of telling their kids to share things such as their toys when they were growing up because now they share everything, even the things they really shouldn't be."

Although sophomore Maggie Stalter, a public relations major at Northwest, has noticed a dramatic change in her exercising and eating patterns since she has been at school she has a different reason she thinks she is at increased risk of getting sick.

"I think that my risk has increased because at home you are able to control your environment more," Stalter said. "Here I live with three other girls that all have different networks. We all hang out with different people and have different activities."

Murr suggests reversing some of the habits that college students acquire after moving to college such as not exercising as much and getting more sleep to ensure better physical and mental shape. Through this reversal, students can strengthen their immune system and, in turn, increase their defense against airborne pathogens.

"We expect that we can do all these things to our body and then we get sick and want a quick fix," Murr said. "It just doesn't work."

Students often become lackadaisical in their cleaning when they come to college, Murr said. Germs breed and spread very quickly, especially in bathrooms and kitchens; therefore, Murr advises students to maintain extra cleanliness of these areas.

"Wash cloths are a better idea than sponges when washing your dishes," Murr said. "Sponges sit there and the germs multiply."

Murr also reminds students that common practices such as frequent hand washing can go a long way. Also, she recommends not touching your face after you have touched other objects because germs can be transferred into the body through the membranes in the eyes.



While it might be tempting to share personal items with your roommate, it is one of the easiest ways to spread infections.

While off-campus students are responsible for their own bathrooms, those that live in residence halls put their trust in custodial services to keep their bathrooms disinfected.

Roberta Boyd, supervisor for custodial services, assures students that the custodians work hard to insure that pathogens are not being spread.

"We have a hospital grade sanitizing that is EPA approved and is hospital grade," Boyd said. "We use that every day."

While the bathrooms, including the shower stalls, are thoroughly cleaned five times a week, custodial staff remains on call for the remainder of the week. Boyd urges students to help the custodial staff by notifying them if any, hazardous situation arises.

One disease that on campus students are more susceptible to is meningococcal disease, or spinal meningitis, which is an infection of the spinal cord and the fluid that surrounds the brain. The increased risk for college students living in dormitories because the small living quarters put students at a constant close proximity to a person that could be infected.

Northwest has had two cases in the past twelve years, according to Murr. The first person that was inflicted came to the Health Center was taken to a larger hospital and survived.

The other student was not as fortunate.

"Three years ago we had a case of a young man who got sick at the beginning of Thanksgiving break," Murr said. "Unfortunately, he died at the St. Joseph hospital."

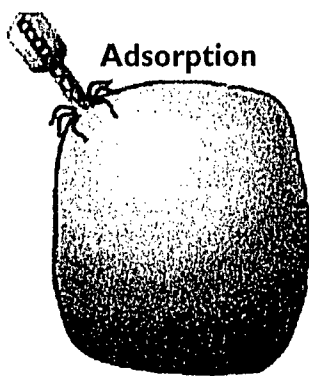
Murr wants to emphasize that students should not be overly concerned about the disease because it is very hard to catch and the system that Northwest has in place because of Missouri state law also helps minimize students' risk.

"We have a mandatory education policy in which both students and parents have to be informed about the disease and its risk associated with the disease," Murr said. "If the student is going to reside on campus, the student either has to get the vaccine or they have to sign a waiver indicating that they have been informed and chosen not to get it."

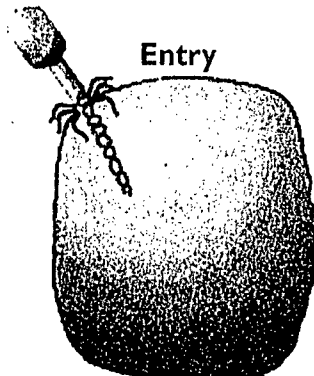
Murr says that exposure to pathogens is inevitable so students should merely take as many precautions as possible to ensure their well being.

"Short of walking around in a plastic bubble, you are going to be exposed to things," Murr said. "Control what you can and take care of yourself."

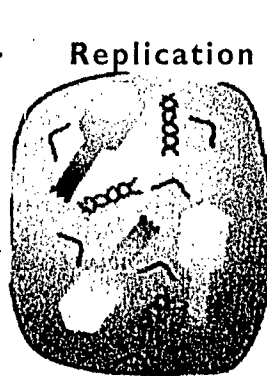
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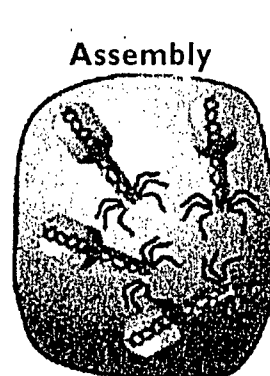
A virus particle attaches to a host cell.



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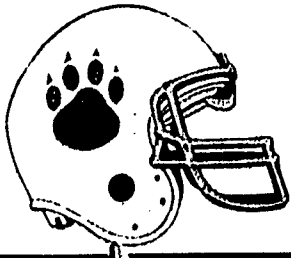
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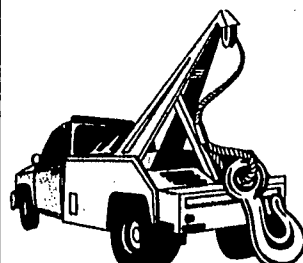
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Bearcats, Tigers to face off in new arena

By COLE YOUNG
Sports Editor

Men's basketball coach Steve Meyer isn't sure exactly how to coach Wednesday's game against Bearcat. While Northwest finished 29-5 season and made it to the NCAA Division II Elite Eight, nowhere on road did they face off against teams like they will against the Tigers. "I think you prepare for this game a bit different," Tappmeyer said. "I will probably play a few more than we would against Washburn something like that."

Getting the opportunity to play in new Paige Sports Arena in Columbus is something just two MIAA schools will have the chance to do this season, the Bearcats and Central Missouri State.

Even though both of these squads gain more exposure by playing against a Division I opponent, Meyer isn't sure how much of an advantage that will give them when it comes time to recruit.

All of the Kansas schools get the opportunity to go to Allen Fieldhouse to play against Kansas, so this really isn't give us any advantage," Meyer said. "If anything this puts us on more of an even playing field."

Bearcat fans shouldn't rule out a competitive game.

Though the Tigers have been known for their fast starts in past seasons, they have been known for drop-off games that they are supposed to lead the Tigers this year are senior Jimmy McKinney and sophomore Linas Kleiza.

The duo was named to the Big 12's season All-Conference team.

Kleiza, who earned Freshman All-America honors from Rivals.com, is coming off of a solid freshman season

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Iowa State first for young 'Cats

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

Northwest women's basketball coach Gene Steinmeyer is unaware of what lies ahead.

"It's a year of unknowns so I really don't know what to expect," Steinmeyer said. "These kids are going to be winners, whether it's going right off the bat or if it's going to be half a year or a whole year. Either way, this crew is going to make a name for itself."

The Bearcats are coming off a season in which they won the MIAA season tournament and advanced to the playoffs to the first time since 1996 and were ranked No. 20 in the nation after the season.

The team lost eight seniors to graduation and only has three returning players with playing experience last year. Unlike last year, the team only has one senior, Ashely Poptanycz, and incoming freshmen.

Poptanycz was the only one of the returning players that started last year, averaging 9.6 points per game and 4.5 rebounds per game.

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-Carly Setterland



PHOTO ILLUSTRATION BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Carly Setterland, Nicole Wojtowicz, Katie Stilwell, Rachel Spensley and Lauren Cummings have accounted for much of the success of this year's volleyball team. Thanks to the five freshmen the team tripled their wins from last year as they won 15 matches, the most since 2000.

Worth Waiting For

Five freshmen make impact on volleyball team, hope to take Bearcats to the next level

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

With high hopes and big dreams, five Northwest freshmen stepped onto the court in Bearcat Arena to show their coach what they could bring to the team.

The five women did just that, playing in 333 games, nearly 40 percent of the games the team competed in this season. They also accounted for 761.5 points, 995 assists, 543 kills, 199 blocks, and 91 service aces.

"It was fun," Katie Stilwell said. "We had a great time. It was awesome. I love to be a part of a team and I'm going to miss it while we're not together."

Freshmen Lauren Cummings, Rachel Spensley, Nicole Wojtowicz, Carly Setterlund and Stilwell all contributed to the team's success this year.

The transition from high school to college was a big jump for all the women, but they found a way to overcome the obstacle laid before them.

"It was very intimidating coming in," Setterlund said. "You just gotta know that as long as you work hard you can compete with the seniors."

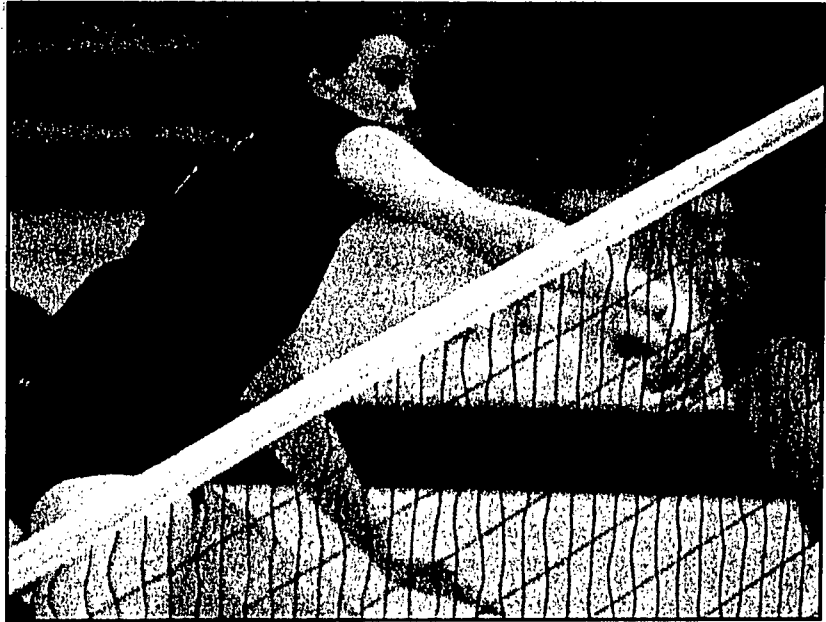
The step up from high school was also helped by the support from the returning members of the team.

"Everyone was really nice," Cummings said. "We weren't really freshmen, we were just part of the team."

Although each freshman did not start games, they realized that they each support the team in their own ways.

"It doesn't matter if you are a starter, if you're a non-starter, you learn a lot from being both," Wojtowicz said. "It's important"

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FILE PHOTO
Rachel Spensley goes for a kill earlier in the season. Spensley is one of five freshmen who made a key impact for the Bearcats this season as they went 15-18 on the year.

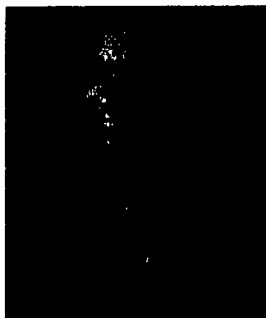
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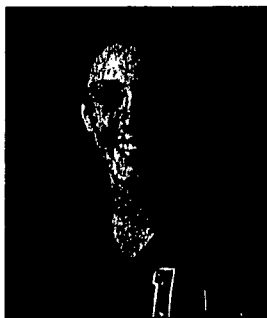
Percentage of team assists set by freshmen

Percentage of team service aces served by freshmen

Percentage of the team blocks that freshmen made



Name: Lauren Cummings
Hometown: Ankeny, Iowa
Height: 6-0
Position: Middle Hitter
Nickname: Laur and sometimes LC
Favorite Moment: "Coming back against South Dakota."
Favorite Team Quote: "I'm not even mad."



Name: Rachel Spensley
Hometown: Dubuque, Iowa
Height: 5-10
Position: Outside Hitter
Major: Undecided
Team Nickname: Ratch
Favorite Team Quote: "I'm not even mad!"



Name: Carly Setterlund
Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska
Height: 6-2
Position: Middle Hitter
Major: Zoology
Team Nickname: Carl
Favorite Team Quote: "Cock your arm"



Name: Katie Stilwell
Hometown: West Des Moines, Iowa
Height: 5-7
Position: Setter
Major: Undecided
Team Nickname: Stills
Favorite Team Quote: "Geez, you're a freaking idiot!"



Name: Nicole Wojtowicz
Hometown: Omaha, Nebraska
Height: 5-9
Position: Outside Hitter
Major: Pre-medicine
Team Nickname: Wojo
Favorite Team Quote: "No coach, I don't understand the rules!"

'Hounds get big victory over Pirates, title in grasp

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

A few big-time tricks led to a huge treat for the Spoofhounds on Halloween weekend.

The Maryville football team did what seemed impossible: They defeated Platte County 16-10.

Thanks to a halfback pass, coaching and a defensive stand, the 'Hounds claimed their first victory over Platte County since 1998.

"It's very satisfying, this is what you get into these things for," Maryville head coach Paul Miller said. "You become a coach because you enjoy working with kids. When you get to see the kids in the community get so excited about something like this, it's very rewarding to think you had any part of that at all."

After Maryville turned the ball over on a loss of downs, Platte County scored on their first possession. Quarterback Jake Fain found wide receiver Dan Hawkins four times on the drive, including an 18-yard touchdown pass.

The 'Hounds answered right back with their own score when running back Myles Burnside found wide receiver Syd Brisbane for a touchdown on a halfback pass. Quarterback Josh Wilmes then found Brisbane for the two-point conversion.

Platte County immediately drove down the field again, but this time they were held to a 26-yard field goal by Tommy Grutmacher to put the Pirates up 10-8.

The 'Hounds quickly solved the problem with Hawkins when defensive coordinator Brian Lohafer put in the 'Hounds Wilmes on the next possession to guard him. Hawkins was kept quiet the rest of the night.

"Coach Lohafer just said to get up there and jam him and take him off his timing patterns," Wilmes said. "That's what I did and (luckily) it worked out for us."

Maryville scored on its next drive when Wilmes scored on a fake pitch

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CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER

Quarterback Josh Wilmes rushes for a two-point conversion against the Pirates.

'Hounds face Savages for playoff trip

By BRENDAN KELLEY
Missourian Reporter

Everything seems to be falling into place for the Maryville Spoofhound football team. The 'Hounds have won four games in a row and are taking their 6-2 record into the regular season finale against the Savannah Savages.

"Anytime you've won several games in a row, you just build up more and more confidence," coach Paul Miller said. "I think you saw that in the game against Platte County."

The Savages have a 3-6 record this year, but still pose a threat for the 'Hounds.

"Savannah versus Maryville is a huge rivalry," Miller said. "It would make their season to beat us and end up 4-6."

All year long the theme has been to take one game at a time. The 'Hounds have been careful to not

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PHOTO BY STEVE SERRANO/CHIEF PHOTOGRAPHER
Beth Gutschenritter scored her seventh goal of the season for the 'Cats on Tuesday. It was only the 'Cats fourth victory of their season.

'Cats commemorate seniors with victory

By KRISTINE HOTOP
Missourian Reporter

The Bearcats went out with a bang in their last home game of the season Tuesday.

Freshman Sarah Hobson led the Northwest soccer team with two goals as they went on to win 5-3 against Central Missouri State University.

The 'Cats scored early as Hobson in the first three minutes of play put in a goal on the right side of the net.

The Jennies responded with a goal of their own, just eight minutes later. The 'Cats would score once more before the half thanks to a goal from sophomore Beth Gutschenritter, her seventh of the season. The Jennies also scored right before the half as a corner kick would end up in the back of the net. The score was tied 2-2 at halftime.

The 'Cats went onto score three straight goals in the first 15 minutes of the second half.

"(Coach Tracy Cross) just said play it for the first 10 minutes and we play in 10 minute intervals," said senior Heather Kolbo, who along with Kristi Potree was in her last home game of her career. "(We play) all out in 10 minutes and that's what everyone did."

Freshman Marty Trummer got the

scoring started as she scored in the first five minutes of the half. Kolbo then put one in the back of the net two minutes later to put Northwest up 4-2. Hobson would add another goal almost 10 minutes later. Central was able to put one more goal on the board as they scored with nine seconds left in the game.

"It was awesome for me to score being my last home game and everything," Kolbo said. "Just going out on a win on the home field, there's just no better way. We have one game left, so I mean it gives a team hopes for Truman."

Northwest will travel to play Truman State at noon on Sunday.

With one week left, the 'Cats returned from Kansas City after a 3-0 defeat to Rockhurst.

"We didn't possess the ball as well as we did against Missouri Southern," Cross said. "We had a few chances that didn't end in our favor."

The 'Cats lost one chance after a direct free kick diverted off the goal post.

Rockhurst also managed a close save after an excellent combination play by Tracy Sacco, Jamie Campbell and Megan Kruger.

"The game would have been a lot different if we would have played like we did on Wednesday," Cross said.

Five freshmen step up for spikers

to understand your role and to work hard every day."

The women also learned that it is very important for a team to be unified and on the same track so everyone knows what is going on.

"I learned just how important team chemistry is in the success of the team," Spensley said. "You can have all the skills that you do have, but unless your team can bond and come together and have a good time and enjoy each others' company, the skill really doesn't mean that much."

The team only had one senior on the squad, leaving room for freshmen to step up and fill holes in the lineup. In most instances this would be a rebuilding year, but with the help from the freshmen, the 'Cats surpassed last season's record.

"We improved from last year," Wojtowicz said. "You can tell from watching us from the beginning to the end and that's what it's all about, the progress that we make along the way."

A common highlight of the season for the freshman was going to a Florida tournament in the days between two hurricanes hit close to the area.

With one season under their belts, the freshmen are looking forward to spring practice and improving next year, hopefully making the conference tournament.

"Next season I'm looking forward to us continuing to get better," Seterlund said. "We can build upon the season that we had, we'll have a lot of people back so we should be a lot better."

Spikers win last 2 of 3 to wrap up year

By ANDY TIMKO
Chief Reporter

The Bearcat volleyball team ended their season on a high note, winning two of their last three games but losing to the University of Nebraska-Omaha Mavericks in three games Tuesday night (33-35, 15-30, 14-30).

The 'Cats sent off their lone senior in winning fashion over the weekend after they won back-to-back games Friday night and Saturday afternoon.

It was an emotional day for the entire team as Steph Suntken received a roar of approval from the crowd when she was recognized by a teary-eyed Lori Slight before the game.

"I was sad," Suntken said. "It doesn't really hit you until they start talking about you."

Suntken, who transferred from Iowa State University, lead the team with 21 points, 15 kills, nine blocks, and a .423 hitting percentage in Saturday's matchup against Missouri Southern.

"It's fun to play well and have fun. That's what I've learned the game is all

about," Suntken said. "I'm not sure if we'll go on, but if we don't it's a good way to end the season."

The 'Cats went back to their old ways on Saturday winning over the Lions in four games (30-25, 30-19, 25-30, 30-19).

The Lions fought for every point in game one, forcing 'Cats to rally back five times before gaining the lead and winning with four straight points.

In game two the 'Cats came out dominating from the start and led the entire game. The third game, however, was frustrating for the 'Cats and nothing seemed to go right.

Despite great effort from libero, specialized defensive player Amy D'Amato, the 'Cats couldn't get into the swing of things.

"The libero is kind of the silent hero out there," Suntken said. "They're in there for the whole game and they do all the dirty work, and don't get a lot of credit for anything."

After the Lions scored their 29th point on a disputable call, Lauren

Cummings received a yellow card warning for slamming her fist into the ground. On the very next play she spiked the ball down with a vengeance to rally the team, but it wasn't enough to get the win after a service error gave the Lions the winning point.

"I think it goes back to that momentum thing in volleyball," Slight said. "We need to be more specific about who we have subbing in for who. That was kind of my bad because we got in a bad rotation, so the loss in game three I put more on me as a coach than on the kids."

Game four was similar to the second and the 'Cats never trailed and went on a six-point run that capped off an eventful match.

"It's such a good feeling, because last year we had struggling time," D'Amato said. "It's a great way to end the season."

Other individual statistics from the match included Sarah Trowbridge and Cummings posting 12 kills each, Katie Stilwell setting 51 assists, and D'Amato

digging up 19 hits.

The 'Cats ended a two game losing streak Friday night against the Bears from Southwest Baptist, winning three games (30-28, 30-23, 30-21) the first time since Sept. 11 against Southern Arkansas.

"I'm totally excited about it," Slight said. "Everyone got a chance to play, we all did an awesome job."

Northwest started off slow in the two games and had come back in the games for the wins.

"I think that we have good practice and then we have a few off days," Hyland said. "Today was an off day."

The 'Cats pulled together in game three and took a decisive victory, a nine-point lead toward the end of game.

"We needed it," Hyland said. "We needed another win in the conference."

Cummings lead the charge for 'Cats with 13 kills, 16 points and a .423 hitting percentage. Caylee Meyer had four service aces and 28 assists. Hyland posted four blocks.

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Mizzou poses first task for 'Cats

in which he averaged 11.1 points and 8.4 rebounds per game through 16 contests before suffering a season-ending shoulder separation at Colorado. The native of Kaunas, Lithuania recorded three double-doubles in his first four games as a Tiger and was a two-time recipient of the "Phillips 66 Big 12 Rookie of the Week" award.

McKinney didn't have a bad sea-

son either. He averaged 9.4 points and 3.2 assists per contest. He was one of the Tigers' top free throw shooters, knocking down 85 percent of his attempts, and was second on the squad in three-point field goals made with 36.

After the Mizzou game they face off against NAIA opponent William Penn Nov. 17 at Bearcat Arena.

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Young team looks to rebuild

The team, who was ranked No. 7 in the MIAA preseason polls, starts off the season in Ames, Iowa in an exhibition game against Iowa State University at 2 p.m. Nov. 14.

They then travel to North Dakota for their first regular season game at 7 p.m. the next day.

Steinmeyer is uncertain of who will start in those games.

Steinmeyer is not sure how the

season will turn out, but hopes the team will grow as it goes on.

"My hope is that we can overcome those roadblocks to be a good team in March," he said. "Nobody's drawn that map up yet on how to avoid those roadblocks and it's a lot like a video game. We're trying to climb the steps up of the castle, nobody knows what lurks on (other side.)"

McCall finds way back to Northwest after mission

By BILLY BURNS
Missourian Reporter

Spending two years riding a bike through the Oakland, Calif., area spreading your faith may not be the best way to prepare for a career in college cross country.

Yet Devin McCall, a sophomore from High Ridge, Mo., did exactly that, taking three years off after his freshman year on the Northwest men's cross country team.

McCall went to Oakland, Calif., to spread his Christian faith. From 9:30 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. six days a week he rode a bike in search of people to teach.

"We proselytize, which means we go around and find people interested in hearing more about The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day

Saints," McCall said.

Following his freshman year, McCall struggled with the decision to quit running and go on the mission. In the end, he felt it would be best for him to go.

"I wanted to change things about my life," McCall said. "I just prayed about it and I felt like it was what I wanted to do to make my life better."

McCall had given up on continuing his cross country career when he returned. On the mission he could only squeeze a few days of running in a month.

He kept in contact with a former teammate, Jamison Phillis, who notified Head Coach Richard Alsop when McCall returned home.

Phillis told Alsop that McCall might be interested in running

again. Alsop then contacted McCall about returning to the team.

"It just all worked," Alsop said.

"I always figured I would run, whether it was for myself or for my school," McCall said. "I didn't plan on competing again, by any means, but when the opportunity presented itself I jumped on it."

Making the adjustment from life as a missionary to competing in cross country has been tough for McCall, but he is pleased with the progress he has made so far.

"One thing I've really forgotten how to do is how to pace," McCall said. "At the same time I'm really happy where I'm at...I can complete every workout that's given to me and that is more than I expected."

Alsop recognizes McCall's improvement.

"He does workouts with the guys," Alsop said. "He's just getting used to competing again."

McCall believes his faith helped him with running.

"Whenever I don't do well, it gives me a perspective on how important (running) is in my life," McCall said. "When I do well, it gives me an opportunity to be another way the Lord has blessed me."

McCall married his wife, Sarah, in August 2004. His marriage and the perspective he gained on the mission have altered his priorities.

"My freshman year every Friday and Saturday night was spent hanging out with friends," McCall said. "(Now) I know what's more important in life, it's my family and spending time strengthening my faith."

Lorek: 'The girls have been training all season for this'

By KYLEIGH McDONOUGH
Missourian Reporter

After a seventh-place finish at last Saturday's MIAA championships, the Northwest women's cross country team is hoping to redeem themselves at regionals this weekend.

This weekend is what the team has been training for since the beginning of the season, and Coach Scott Lorek says they are right where they need to be athletically.

"The girls have been training all season for this," Lorek said of regionals. "They are right where they need to be."

The squad has faced many difficult situations this season, but has managed to stay positive through it all. Junior Dia McKee's blackout last weekend was one of the problems the team faced.

"Unfortunately Dia's blackout was a problem," Lorek said of McKee. "I don't think we really

need to make any changes now, but I don't feel that we met our expectations last weekend. We are ready for Saturday."

It was the addition of freshman Karah Spader who made an impact on all of their finishes this season. Spader was the top Northwest finisher in all of the women's meets this season.

"I'm really pleased with how the season has gone," Lorek said. "I'm excited as a coach, and I know the team is also excited to

get to the starting line."

The team, along with the coach, is not concerned with the of the opposing teams. They are more focused on themselves and how they will perform on Saturday.

"I'm excited," McKee said of regionals. "Everyone's been ready for it. We have had a good season, and we are ready to go there and compete."

Regionals will be at 10:30 a.m. Nov. 6 in Joplin, Mo.

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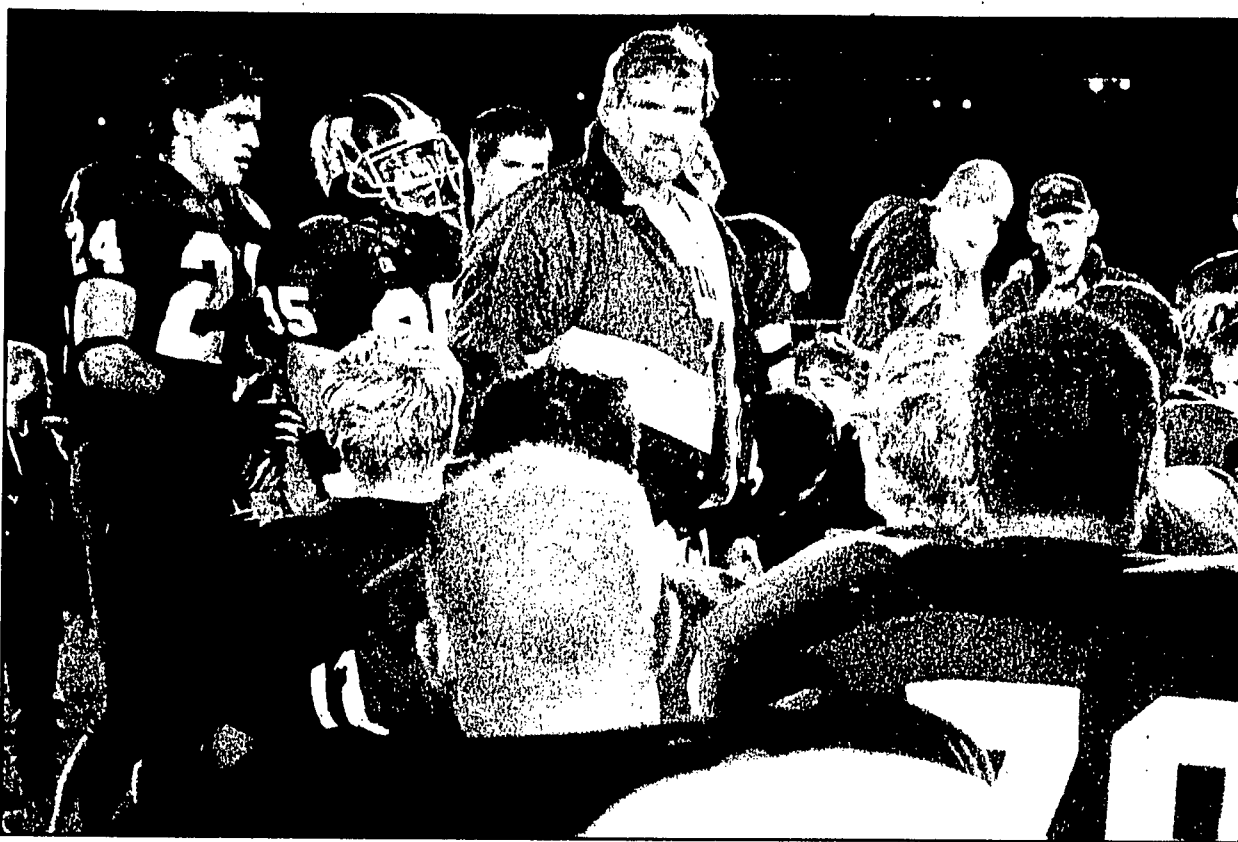
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Maryville head coach Paul Miller talks to his team after their district victory against the Platte County Pirates Friday night. It was the first time the Pirates have lost to the 'Hounds since 1998. Maryville is now one win away from winning their first district title since 1998.

'Hounds hold off Pirates in home finale for first time since '98 in historic 16-10 win

from the one-yard line. He then converted on the two-point conversion when he waltzed in on a fake handoff. That put the 'Hounds up 16-10 before halftime and it would go on to be the difference in the 'Hounds victory.

It was all about the defense in the second half as both offenses could not put any points on the board. After Maryville could not convert on a 4th and 1 with a minute left in the game, the Pirates were given one last chance.

It looked as if the Pirates were going to threaten as a pass from Fain

went deep into Maryville territory. However, the play was called back because of a holding penalty. With less than 30 seconds left Fain was sacked by defensive end Keith Starr deep into Maryville territory. Fain was then intercepted on the very next play by Skyler Vandiver to end the game.

"My contact was messed up and (my) eye was blurry so I kind of bobbled it," said Vandiver, who had two interceptions in the game. "I didn't know there was zero seconds left. I was just really happy to get the

interception again."

At the end of the game Miller did his usual postgame speech on the field. This time, however, the speech didn't get that far as Miller was doused with a cooler of water by senior defensive lineman Nate Rice.

"They were just so excited, it's such a big win for them," Miller said. "I thought nothing I could say out there would ever rival what they're feeling."

The 'Hounds are now just one win away from their first district title since 1998 and their first conference title since 1996.

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With win over Savannah; Maryville would make first sectional appearance in 6 years

overlook anyone and that's the attitude they are taking into tonight's game.

"Our kids have focused themselves all year long," Miller said. "Our kids realize that they have done almost the impossible by beating Platte County, and now they want to finish it."

Even with the success that the 'Hounds have found, they went into this week with the goal of making some improvements.

"We have yet to play our best football game," Miller said. "We're not hitting on all cylinders yet, and we still make too many mistakes."

Special teams have been a problem all year for the 'Hounds. They have made just 6 of 17 extra point attempts this year.

"We don't kick the ball very well," Miller said. "But, we're 11 of 14 going for two this year."

With the game being on Thursday instead of Friday the 'Hounds lost a practice day, but it could actually help them in preparing for the playoffs.

"Having the game on Thursday

takes us right into the playoffs," Miller said. "It gets us used to the idea of short time between games."

The 'Hounds started out the year with the goal of winning conference and districts, but they aren't prepared to stop there.

"This group of seniors is dedicated to finishing their high school careers with a state championship," Miller said. "These kids do what they have to do to get the job done, regardless of the game, regardless of the opponent. These kids have figured out how to win."

Maryville was ranked No. 8 in Class 3 in this week's Missouri high school football polls.

The 'Hounds are taking one game at a time, but they are confident that they have what it takes to end up vying for a state championship.

"There is no team out there in 3A football in Missouri that is any better than we are," Miller said. "There are teams that might be better than us in certain areas, but I think this team has as good a chance as anybody."

Netters' season falls short in district play

By MEGAN CRAWFORD
Missourian Reporter

The Spoofhound volleyball team traveled to Benton again last Thursday to try to pull off a district championship against Savannah.

The 'Hounds faced off against the Savages for the third time this season. It wasn't the charm for this game, however, because Maryville lost to Savannah for the final time this season with scores of 16-25 and 19-25.

Jaylene Dredge felt the 'Hounds fought hard but couldn't quite come back in either game to win it.

"I think we could have won districts," Coach Heather Stoecklein said. "But I am happy that we had a successful season."

Stoecklein feels that the biggest strength of the team this year was

their unity.

"They stayed united the whole season," Stoecklein said. "They enjoyed each other's company and had fun."

Stoecklein feels that the team's biggest weakness was their inability to finish games.

"Sometimes we played really good," Stoecklein said. "And sometimes we didn't."

Stoecklein wants the team to walk away with memories of team camp, all the fun they had together as a team and when they beat Chillicothe for the first time all season in game one of districts.

Sarah Welch ended the season with 304 kills, Mallary Herring with 201, and Kim Wolfer rounded out the season with 193. Welch also helped out the back row and brought in 241 digs. Dredge brought in 160, and Herring finished with 148. Molly Howell brought in a total of 412 assists.



Winter sports don't mind waiting on football team

By AARON NELSON
Missourian Reporter

While Spoofhound fans remain wrapped up in the continued success of their football team, sooner or later that will end, snowflakes will begin to fall and students will eventually go on vacation for the holidays.

However, for the basketball players and wrestlers of Maryville High School, there will be little time to relax. That is why head coaches Mike Kuwizky, of men's basketball, and Joe Drake of wres-

"By the time they're seniors if they don't think there's a spot on the squad, they're not going to wrestle (Junior Varsity) so they don't come back," Drake said.

Even with all the concerns, Spoofhound wrestling should be aided by senior Skyler Vandiver, who was last year's state runner-up.

State runner-up was a common theme for Maryville High School last year. It is also where the men's basketball team finished last season.

"We're very proud of our finish last year," Kuwizky said.

Despite the team's strong finish, that doesn't mean the team isn't taking the necessary steps to improve.

"We work quite a bit in the offseason," Kuwizky said.

Offseason workouts consist of a variety of activities.

"We have leagues and camps throughout the summer that our boys do a great job participating in," Kuwizky said.

While the men's team was preparing in the offseason, and hoping postseason experience would help them cope with the loss of six seniors, newly promoted women's head basketball coach Adam Willard was dealing with the opposite end of the spectrum.

"Our biggest challenge will be just getting some girls varsity experience," Willard said.

Willard hopes his lucky number is 13, the number of sophomores through seniors on the team.

Willard will get his first taste of the head coaching realm at the varsity level, when his ladies take on Mid-Buchanan Nov. 30.

"Probably 95 percent of our wrestlers are out for football, and so we really won't pick up the bulk of our squad until football season is over with."

JOE DRAKE

MARYVILLE WRESTLING COACH



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Quarterback Josh Wilmes prepares to fire a pass to help assist in the 'Hounds victory over Platte County Friday night.

Missouri Prep Polls

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CDS 9-0
Marionville 8-1
M 9-0
Grove 8-1
Culaneum 8-1
Diamond 8-1
Pool of the Osage 7-2
Maryville 6-2
Sas City Center 8-1
Platte County 7-2

SS 2

Luthersville 9-0
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Your Man does election reflection

Tuesday's elections marked the first time most students could vote. The majority of them took that seriously. There were arguments, debates and actual intelligent conversation. Students really do care in what direction this country goes and they realize now more than ever how much the politicians affect their lives. They were eager to vote and they poured into the voting booths to finally make their voices heard.

As the ballots were being counted, the students of Northwest students waited anxiously to hear the returns. Everyone I talked to had an opinion about every district there was to vote on. The students did their research and had a good idea of who they wanted to lead. Some were more educated than others, but in the long run, Your Man believes we had a positive effect on the Missouri races.

Most of the state races were decided before we went to bed Tuesday evening, but one was still narrowly close. When we went to bed, the question remained, who will be our next president? Ohio would be the deciding state with 20 electoral votes and Bush led by 130,000 votes at the evening's end.

Students were filled with opinions and emotions as they still waited for an answer



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swer early Wednesday morning. When John Kerry conceded around 10 a.m., he left students in a state of surprise. Some cheered in celebration, while others bit their lip and cursed out of frustration. Like him or hate him, President Bush is ours another four years.

We were told that it was the most important election of our lives. We were told that if we didn't vote we'd be irresponsible. The students of Northwest and universities all across the nation stepped up to the challenge and voted. P-Diddy and his stupid looking mo-hawk can rest easy now because America's youth made their choice clear. The result was 120 million people casting votes, just under 60 percent of eligible voters.

President Bush will be under the microscope now more than ever. If you voted for

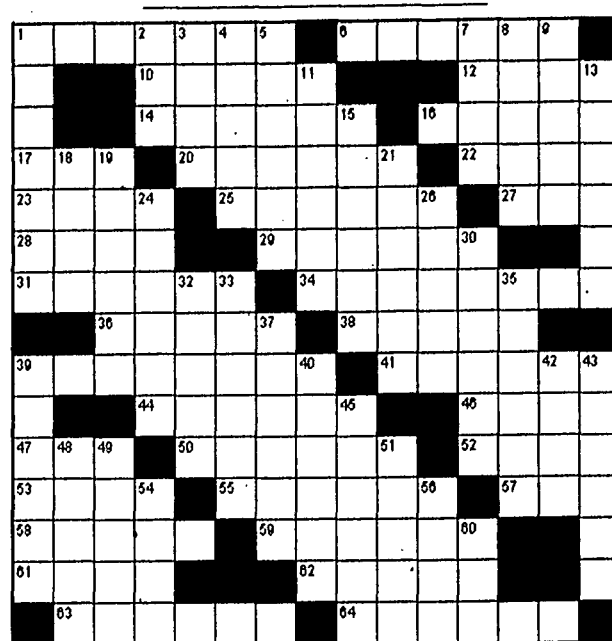
him, you want to see him live up to his promises. If you voted against him, you'll be watching his every move to make sure he doesn't mess up. The nation is at a weak point right now. Jobs are being outsourced, No Child Left Behind is leaving kids behind and we're in an unpopular war with no end in sight. If Bush doesn't do something drastic to fix these problems, our nation will continue on a decline and the president will go down in history as a failure.

Being politically aware of the issues shouldn't be done just around election time. Your Man urges all students to stay informed on all of the issues and changes that will be made throughout Bush's second term. Every decision made by Bush or any of the other politicians could have a major effect on your life.

With the issues of reinstating the draft, national tuition costs increasing and rising gas prices among the hot topics; the political agenda has never affected your life more directly. As students we need to stay informed of the issues so we can have an even larger affect on our nation and community next election.

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WEEKLY CROSSWORD



Across

1. American tree having dark brown heavy wood
6. Roman general
10. The Hunter
12. Told an untruth
14. Lunatic
16. Arizona city
17. Haul
20. In a busy manner
22. Deprived of the sense of hearing
23. Hearing organs
25. Thorough-

Down

27. Cereal grass
28. Ostrich-like bird
29. Adventurous expedition
31. Evening
34. Abandoned
36. Graph
38. Expressive of contempt
39. Manner of conducting oneself
41. Takes by theft
44. Barked
46. Male name
47. Inquire of
50. Mistake
52. 10 cents
53. Transmit

Across

55. Climbs
57. Consume
58. Experiment
59. Implement for cutting grain
61. Separate by a sieve
62. Lubricate again
63. Tentacle
64. Tediousness

Down

1. Radiators
2. Disparaging term for English immigrants to Australia or New Zealand
3. Bedouin
4. Nasal cavity
5. Slides
7. Raiser
8. One who

9. Refund
11. Nigerian currency
13. Guard against assault
15. Long narrow openings
18. Island of Hawaii
19. Twist suddenly
21. Pines for
24. Walk nonchalantly
26. Distinguishing characteristic
30. In fact
32. Roof overhang
33. Notes alternating rapidly with other notes
35. A special loved one
37. Themes
39. Explosions
40. Mend
42. Capital of Peru
43. Rough design
45. Melodious
48. Letter cross-line
49. Cutting instrument
51. Black tea
54. The day of the month
56. Moved smoothly
60. Biblical high priest

See answers on page A5

Upcoming Concerts

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Nov. 11 **Jethro Tull** Civic Center

Nov. 12 **Looner** Vaudeville Mews

Omaha

Nov. 11 **Velvet Crush** Sokol Auditorium

Nov. 10 **Bette Midler** West Center

Nov. 11 **Switchfoot** Beaumont Club

Nov. 20 **Tracy Byrd** Beaumont Club

Nov. 10 **Charlie Hunter** Hotel Fort Des Moines

Nov. 26 **Renee Austin** Blues on Grand

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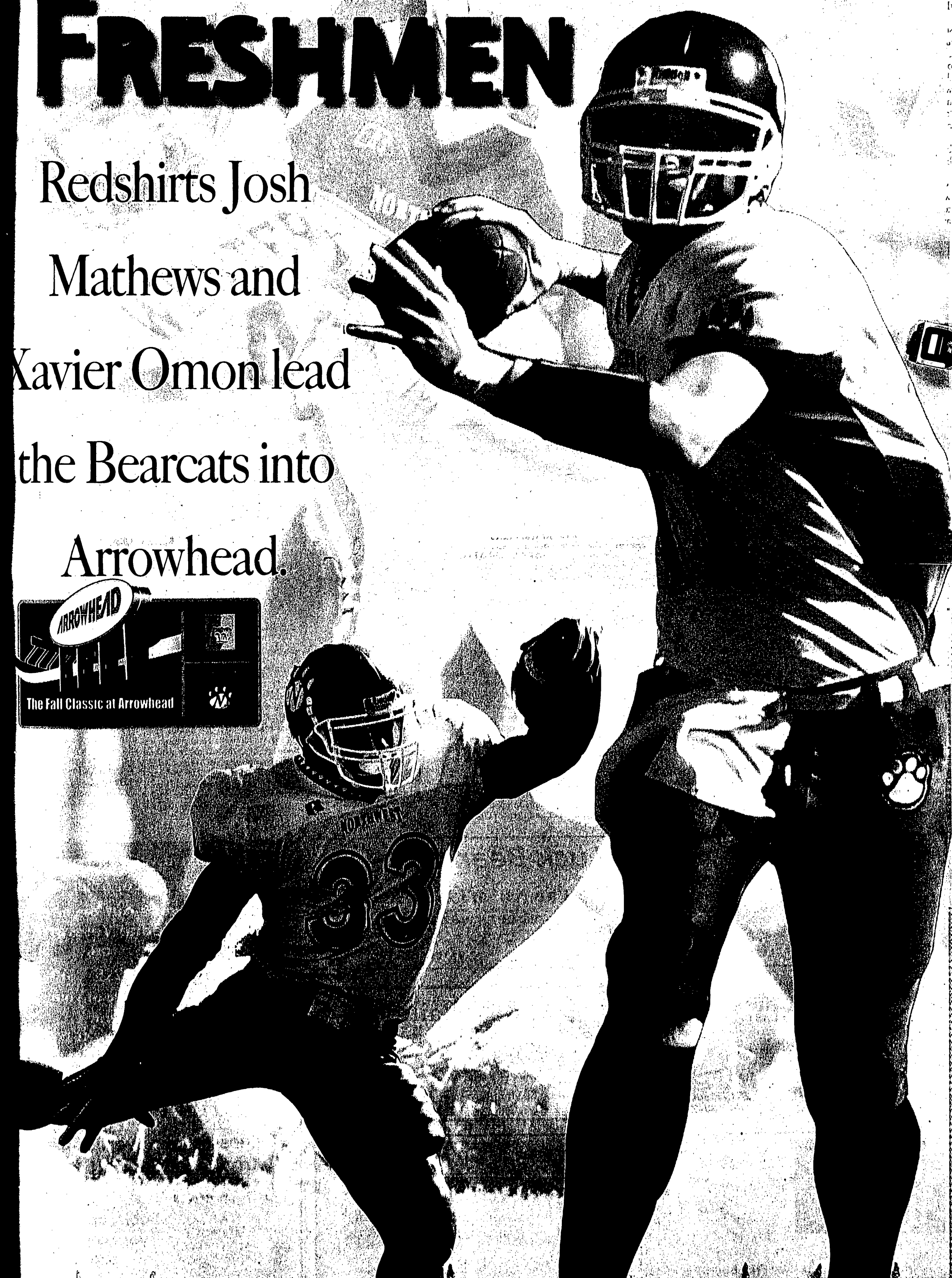
Redshirts Josh

Mathews and

Xavier Omon lead

the Bearcats into

Arrowhead.



A Freshman Phenomenon

Freshmen play vital role in success of Bearcats heading into final regular season contest

By JEROME BOETTCHER
Assistant Sports Editor

The high school graduating class of 2003 has come in handy for the Bearcats.

What started as a running back rotation turned into the Xavier Omon Show as the running back out of Beatrice, Neb. first officially took over when he ran for 221 yards against Central Missouri State.

In one week, Josh Mathews out of St. Louis went from No. 3 on the depth chart to in the game against rival Missouri Western. Another week later he led the team over Truman State in a surprising challenge.

What do these two have in common? They both are redshirt freshmen who are in the backfield in the first collegiate season.

"I thought maybe we would have one (freshman) but not two," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said.

"I never thought it would be so soon," Omon said. "I always knew eventually Josh would have to take over because (Lamberson's) going to be a senior next year. I always knew eventually that I would have to take over. I was hoping that eventually I'd have to take over the running back spot. I just didn't think it be so soon. I guess you just got to do what you got to do."

Mathews also didn't think he would see on the big stage so quickly.

"Did I think it was liable to happen, no. But these are the cards I was dealt, so (I'll) step up and do what I can."

The two freshman have done just that. Omon has rushed for a Northwest freshman record of 1,319 yards on 118 carries and has 15 touchdowns for the 'Cats. He is currently averaging 126.6 rushing yards per game.

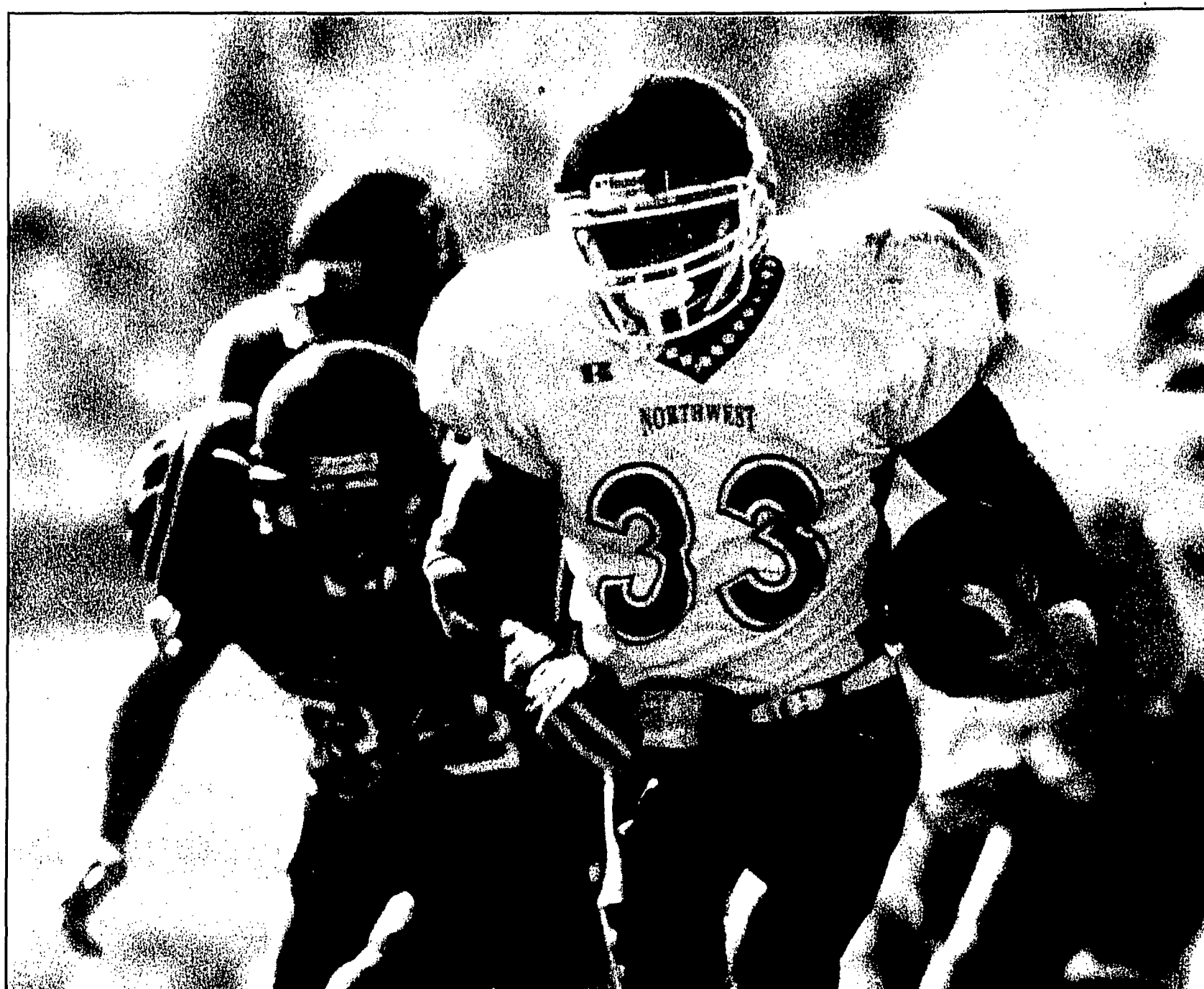
In the three games since Josh Lamberson went down with a hip injury, Mathews has completed 52 of 85 passes and thrown for 584 yards with seven touchdowns.

Omon, however, didn't start the season off as well as he wanted to, fumbling in his first game. But thanks to support from his teammates, he settled down and not tried to beat himself up about it.

"Lot of my teammates just told me to go to the next play, you can't do nothing about it, you just got to move on," Omon said. "That fumble is in the past, that's way I have to look at it."

Coach Mel Tjeerdsma is proud of how Omon has developed throughout the season and how he has gotten over the bumps in the road.

"I think he has grown a lot during this season," Tjeerdsma said. "It started out where he was our starter but he was splitting time and that was tough for him. I'm really proud of the fact, it took him a little while, but he understood what the process was, he was patient and when he got his



Xavier Omon runs for a big gain against Truman State two weeks ago. Omon is coming off a game against Southwest Baptist in which he rushed for 204 yards and one touchdown. The freshman from Beatrice, Neb. is averaging 126.6 points per game in his first season as Northwest's running back.

opportunities he took advantage of them. That's why he's where he is right now."

Mathews didn't have as much time as Omon as he quickly got rid of the first game jitters when he had to go in for Lamberson against Missouri Western. Mathews, however, says he usually gets nervous before most games, that's just the way he is.

"Even in high school I got nervous before games, but then when I took the field for warm-ups and everything they just kind of go away. I kind of just let the game to me as much as possible," Mathews said.

Tjeerdsma is also very confident in Mathews and that he continues to do his job.

"He's doing a great job, too. I think the thing about Josh is that the key to him is that he's doing what he can do. He's not trying to do anything outside of what he can do right now. He understands that he has a lot of guys around him that can do a lot of things. So what he's doing is he's playing his role."

Mathews really took off thanks to a three-touchdown performance against Truman State in his first collegiate start, in which he completed 22 of 31 passes and threw for 252

yards.

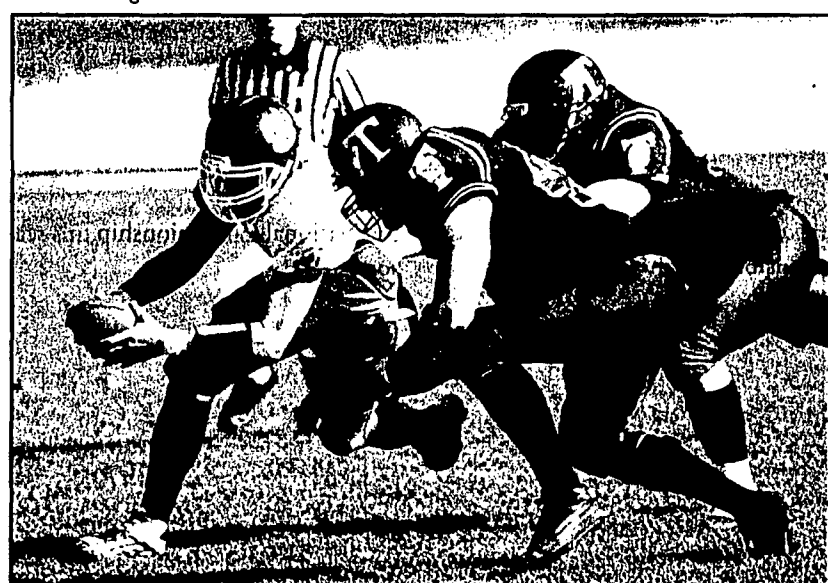
"I think there's no doubt that helps," Tjeerdsma said. "It helped not only his confidence, but it raised the confidence level of everybody else on our team, too. To see him in control and relaxed. That's what a quarterback's got to be. A quarterback's got to be a leader and he has to be the guy no matter what the situation is, he's got to be in control."

The real confidence boost to Mathews and the Bearcats was when Mathews led them 75 yards down the field and into the end zone with just three minutes left in the game. Mathews completed all four passes thrown on that drive.

"Our offense, this year, hasn't necessarily been tested a great deal and hasn't been pressured to score. We've pretty much been able to score when we've wanted to," Mathews said. "That drive definitely boosted the confidence of myself and our entire offense."

Both are extremely confident in each other and are glad that each other is back there.

"We can relate to each other," Mathews said. "Granted, he's been there since day one and I got kind of



Josh Mathews tries to get around Truman State defenders in a recent game. Mathews will be making his third start on Saturday when the Bearcats go up against Pittsburg State.

thrown into the role. It's nice that we can relate to each other, we support each other as much as we can, not that the rest of the offense doesn't, but we just kind have that special bond."

Omon thinks that Mathews has a great arm and that he will be the future.

"The dude's got a gun. I'm very confident in him. It's not like he can't

throw the ball. Of course he's not going to be as mobile as Lamberson but I don't really know that many people in the country that are," Omon said. "He's got a gun, though. He's the class of '03 so I have to be confident in him, we're going to go out together. He's going to be our quarterback in the future."

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Top 25

Rank	Team	Record
1	Pittsburg State	(10-0)
2	Northwest	(10-0)
3	Albany State	(9-0)
4	Michigan Tech	(9-0)
5	Valdosta State	(8-1)
6	Winona State	(9-1)
7	A&M-Kingsville	(7-1)
8	Shippensburg	(9-1)
9	Arkansas Tech	(9-0)
10	Northwood	(9-1)
11	Colorado Mines	(11-0)
12	Carson-Newman	(7-1)
13	E. Stroudsburg	(8-1)
14	North Dakota	(7-1)
15	South Dakota	(9-1)
16	Nebraska-Omaha	(8-1)
17	Grand Valley	(7-1)
18	Cent. Oklahoma	(7-1)
19	West Chester	(8-1)
20	Bentley	(8-1)
21	Tuskegee	(7-1)
22	SE Oklahoma	(7-2)
23	St. Cloud	(7-2)
24	Edinboro	(7-2)
25	Wingate	(8-2)

Honors for senior already start coming

Northwest Missouri State wide receiver/kick returner Jason Rector (Celeste, Tex.) has been selected to play in the 59th All-Hula Bowl Maui All-Star Football Classic with some of the top college football players in the country. The game, set for Jan. 22, 2005, 6 p.m. CST, will feature Division I and II college football athletes. The War Memorial Stadium (16,000) in Wailuku, Hawaii will serve as host.

"I think it is a tremendous honor for him being a non-Division I player because there are very few of us that make the all-star game," head coach Mel Tjeerdsma said. "We've been fortunate to have three players in the last five years represent our team. I am thrilled for him and have no doubt that he can compete with the best ever is there."

Rector joins wide receiver Miles (2000) and offensive line Seth Ward (2002) as Northwest players represented on the Hula Bowl All-Star team.

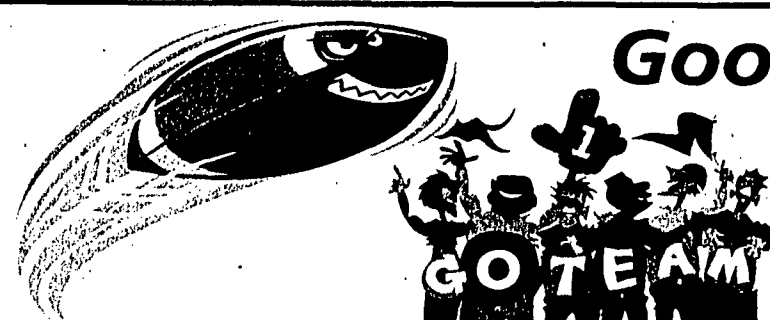
Both teams will have approximately 45 players on each side. Mike Belotti, the head coach of the University of Oregon will be the North Team general while Mike Richt from the University of Georgia is the mentor of the South Team.

Rector also made the initial list for the Harlon Hill Award. The award is given to the top Division II player. The award is announced during the NCAA Division II Championship weekend.

The senior already holds more than 10 different records at Northwest and in the MIAA.


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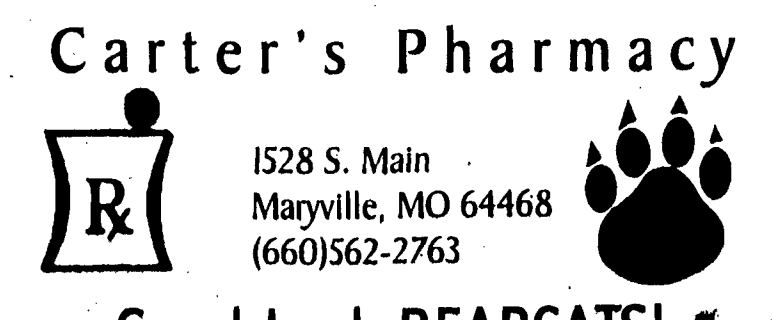
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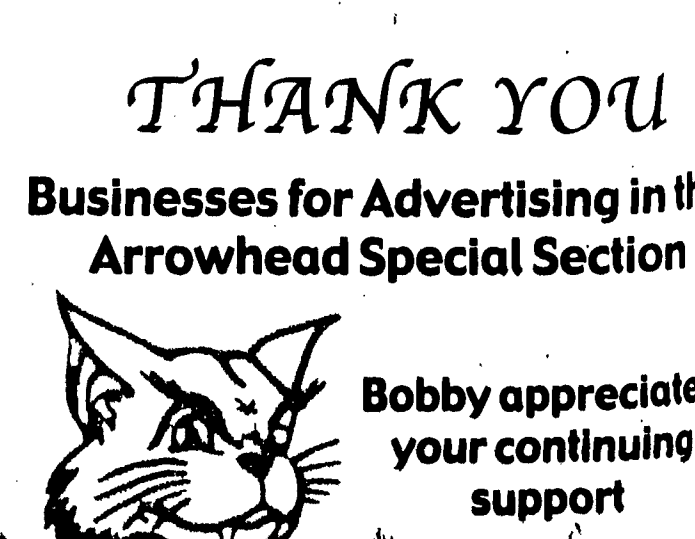
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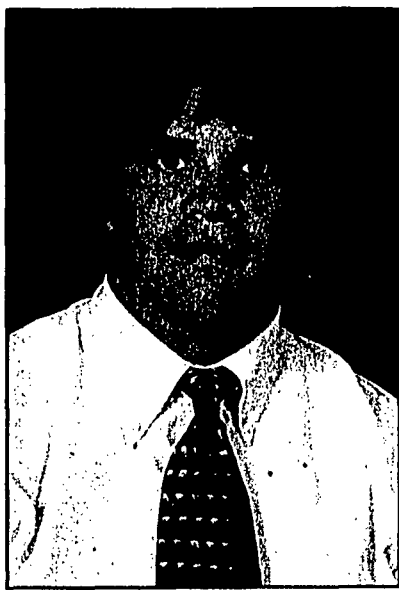
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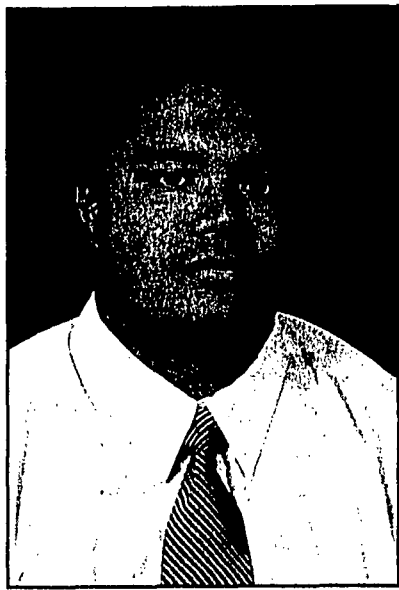
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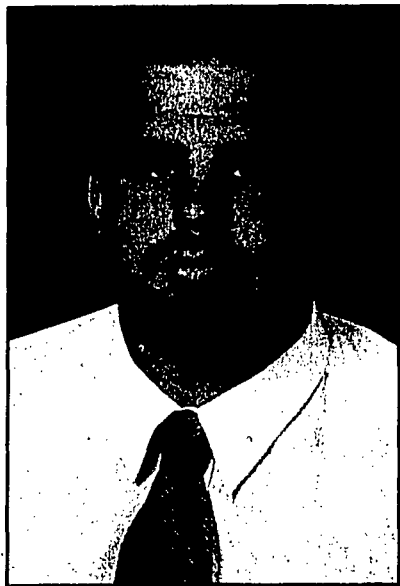


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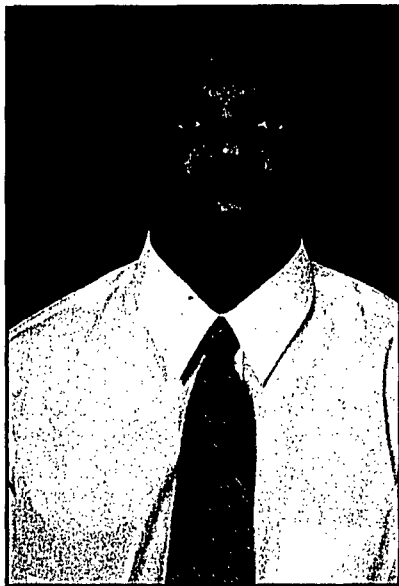
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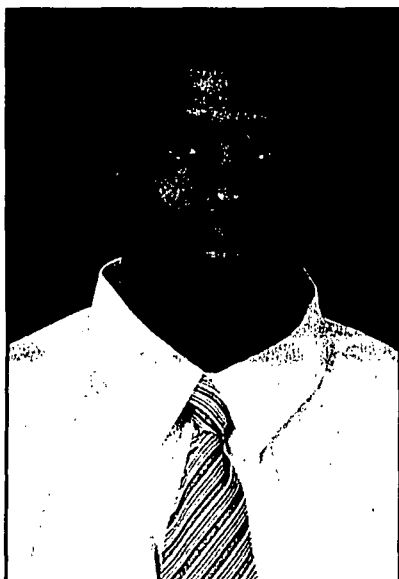
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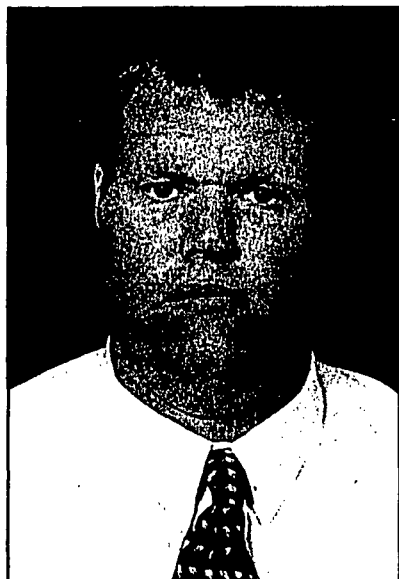
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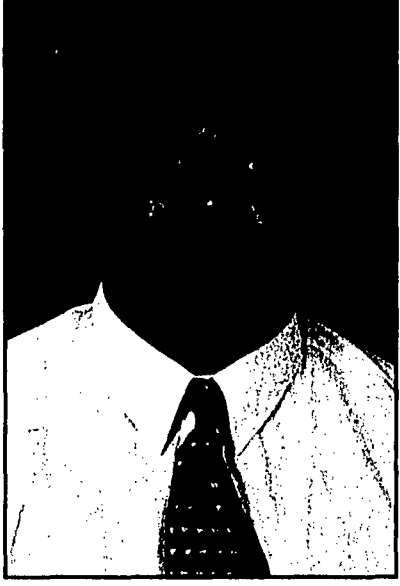
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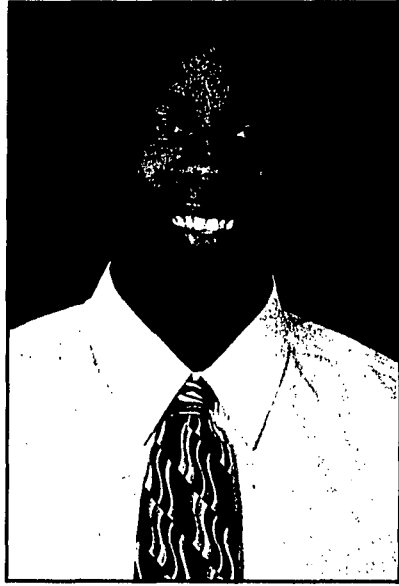
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